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HIS MAJESTY'S ILLNESS

STILL UNCHANGED

THE "LANCET" REVIEWS THE PROGRESS MADE

LATEST BULLETINS

A British official wireless message from London, dated Dec. 6, 8 p.m., states:—
This morning's bulletin about the King was considered by members of the royal household to be of a reassuring nature.

The temperature was lower, the general condition slowly improving and the infective process, though remaining severe, was becoming more localised.

The fact that the doctors omitted any mention of anxiety concerning the heart, to which they had referred in previous bulletins, was also regarded as a satisfactory sign. It was pointed out, however, that progress must necessarily be slow.

An indication that there is some relief from anxiety in royal circles is afforded by an official announcement that Princess Mary now hopes to be able to carry out her engagements at Northampton next Saturday, the abandonment of which had been contemplated.

Evening Bulletin

The following bulletin was issued at 8.30 p.m., this evening:

The King's general condition remains the same as that reported in this morning's bulletin. Localisation of infection at the base of the right side of the chest is rather more defined which conforms to the progress of the illness during the last two days: Signal Stanley Hewett, Furquhar Buzzard, Humphry Rolleston and Dawson of Penn.

"Unchanged"
Reuter says: It is authoritatively stated that the King's condition at 4 o'clock remained unchanged.

The bulletin issued at 8 o'clock, signed by four doctors, states that the King's general condition is the same as it was in the morning. Localisation of the infection at the base of the right side of the chest was rather more defined, which conforms to the progress of the illness during the last two days.

The "Lancet's" Review
The "Lancet," in reviewing the progress of the King's illness says: "As unfounded conjecture is not impossible we offer the following information, being authorised to say that the essential facts are correct."

As early as possible blood culture was taken and it was noted that a positive organism had grown, being coccal in character. The blood counts had shown leucocytosis of a polymorphous nuclear variety and radiology had been useful in the clear pictures obtained, which confirmed the clinical evidence that the lower two-thirds of the right lung was the area involved therein.

To the present there is no appreciable pleural effusion, but the plastic pleurisy described in the bulletins unfortunately extended to the diaphragm.

At the time of writing the physical signs in the chest had diminished and the corresponding local symptoms improved. The pleural effusion, however, may still develop and there is still ebb and flow."

A reference is made to the anxious problem presented by the strain on the heart muscle in a patient of over 60 years.

More Optimistic
A reassuring interpretation is placed on the morning bulletin by the royal household, who draw attention to the significant omission of anxiety concerning the heart.

Faces Brighten
The appearance of the bulletin on the railings of the palace brightened the faces of the thousands of watchers assembled, despite drizzling rain succeeding heavy fog.

Last night electricians in the palace installed a special apparatus to prevent fog penetrating the double windows of the sickroom.

The crowds at the palace gates are eager not merely to read the bulletins but to see whether the Queen drives out.

The Queen to-day, accompanied by Princess Mary, smiled and waved a response to the greetings.

The royal Christmas. Is usually spent quietly at Sandringham but it has now been arranged that the Queen and Princess Mary remain at Buckingham Palace.

The Pope's Interest
The Pope has ordered that he be continually informed of the developments of the illness.

The editorials in the American papers dwell on the profound inter-

A BIG CALAMITY AT SMYRNA

DEVASTATION

LOSS OF LIFE CAUSED BY FLOODS

RESIDENTS IN PANIC

Pera, Yesterday.
Widespread devastation with a loss of life not yet estimated has been caused by floods in Smyrna.

The lower part of the town has been submerged to a depth of over five feet, and basements, lower storeys and dwellings are awash.

The residents, in panic, have taken refuge on roofs and tree tops. A number of houses have collapsed.—Reuter.

(Smyrna, in Asia Minor, has probably a population of half a million. It suffered from a similar disaster a few years ago.)

SERIOUS AFFAIR

CHINESE ARRESTED ON EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES

WEEK'S REMAND

Early this week a warrant was issued for the arrest of a Chinese named Lo Kung-pak, alias Lo Pak-wai, alias Lo Cheung-lee (28), for the alleged embezzlement of \$1,813.91, the property of the Kwong On Yuen firm, where he was employed.

Lo was arrested by Detective Sergeant Whelan yesterday on the second floor of No. 2E, Western-street, West Point, and was charged before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. F. E. Nash appeared to prosecute on behalf of the complainant, a Chinese merchant named Wong Siu-chuen, of No. 67, Des Voeux-road, West.

Four charges against the accused allege that he had embezzled the money in four sums on different dates this year as follows:—

\$1,000 on May 20; \$200 on July 13, \$200 on November 17 and \$413.91 on November 25, after which date the accused was alleged to have absconded.

Mr. Nash reported to the Magistrate the possibility of further charges being preferred against the accused, and applied for a week's remand in order to go into the case.

Lo, who was not legally represented, was remanded in police custody until December 14.

AN ANNUAL STORY

A banished who appeared at the Kowloon Police Court to-day was sentenced to three months' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch which, if he is medically unfit, to receive, to undergo a further nine months' imprisonment. Defendant, in answer to a charge of disobeying a banishment order for ten years, said, "I am passing through the Colony. I want to go abroad."

Mr. E. W. Hamilton remarked that it must have been the same story he related when he appeared for the same offence a year ago.

est which the American people are taking in the reports of the King's gallant fight with his illness.

The "Herald-Tribune" says that Americans have learned to understand how King George and Queen Mary have endeared themselves to their subjects.

The Princess
Meantime the Prince of Wales is hurrying homeward aboard H.M. "Enterprise" and reaches Suez early on Dec. 8. He will travel in a train with Lord Lloyd to Cairo rejoining the "Enterprise" the same evening at Port Said or H.M. "Frobisher," which is specially waiting at Alexandria.

The Italian authorities have arranged for a train and steamship to await at Brindisi.

The Duke of Gloucester is at present hastening to Capetown in a special train to catch the homeward liner which, if necessary, will be held up for him at Capetown and travel full speed to Southampton.

The locomotive of the royal train broke down before reaching Bulawayo in the repair Bulawayo was way. The Duke and his entourage thereafter reached it in record time.

The Duke shook the driver's grimy hand, congratulating him on his smart work, which he said "I shall remember all my life."—Reuter.

"MY LORDS" AND THE SINGAPORE BASE

A DENIAL

STATEMENT THAT NO CHANGE OF POLICY IS CONTEMPLATED

BELETED REFERENCE

London, Yesterday.
The Admiralty denies that any change of policy is contemplated with regard to the Singapore Base, and adds that the report that a change is impending can only be attributable to a belated reference to the Government's acceptance of a scheme of retarded progress with the Base, which was announced by the First Lord of the Admiralty (Mr. W. C. Bridgeman) when introducing the Navy Estimates in Parliament on March 14, 1927.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.
A meeting of Labour members of Parliament, representing textile constituencies of Yorkshire, considered the situation which has arisen by the decision of the textile trade unions to support the application by the employers for a duty on certain classes of imported textile goods.

The members were unanimous in regretting that the textile unions had abandoned the attitude they took up when the application for safeguarding duties on woollen goods was made and rejected some time ago. They were strongly of opinion that a policy of protective tariff offers no hope of dealing with the admitted present difficulties of the Yorkshire textile industry.

YORKSHIRE'S TEXTILE TRADE

ITS PROBLEMS

WHAT LABOUR M.P.'S THINK OF THEM

IMPORTANT DECISIONS

LATEST APPOINTMENTS

CHINA COAST

MERCANTILE MARINE

"GAZETTE"

U.S. EXPLOSION

DISASTROUS AFFAIR AT DISINFECTING PLANT

HEAVY CASUALTIES

"PROBABLY TRUE"

CABLE LIMITS

HARBOUR NOTICES

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

RAIDED THE TILL

ROBBERS IN ARGYLE-ST. SHOP

"BUY FIREWOOD" PRETEXT

CAR IN FLAMES

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VALUABLE MAIL DISAPPEARS

\$10,000 WORTH

BAG MYSTERIOUSLY STOLEN FROM TRAIN

LETTERS AND BANK DRAFTS

London, Yesterday.
A mail bag, containing registered letters and bank drafts to the value of \$10,000 has been stolen mysteriously after the arrival of the London mail train from Cardiff.

No bags were missing at Paddington. The police are of opinion that the thieves concealed themselves in the mail van between Paddington and Mount Pleasant sorting office. An empty bag has been recovered.—Reuter.

Three Chinese, two armed with revolvers and the other with a knife, raided a fireworks merchant's shop on the ground floor of No. 16, Argyle-street, at 9 o'clock last night, and made a haul of money and clothing worth \$125.

They entered the shop on the pretext of buying fireworks, and suddenly producing weapons held up the shopkeeper and his wife. Two of the men guarded the victims whilst the other broke open the till and helped himself to its contents. Afterwards he searched the rear portion of the shop, and took some clothing.

All three robbers escaped, and although the police took up the case immediately, the culprits have not yet been traced.

CAR IN FLAMES

BLAZE IN DARKNESS NEAR CEMETERY

ON POKFULAM-ROAD

Nawab Khan, licensed driver of public motor car No. 232, reported to the police that at half past two this morning, whilst he was driving his car to town from Aberdeen, the engine suddenly caught fire when the car was near the Chinese Christian cemetery at Pokfulam.

No assistance was available. Although he did his best to extinguish the flames with some sand, the fire burned furiously until the car was completely wrecked.

RUSSIA TO-DAY

SOVIET MISMANAGEMENT REVEALED

SOME HARD FACTS

Riga, Yesterday.
Speaking at a Communist Conference in Leningrad, Mr. Rykov, referred to the danger of a possible breach between town and village owing to the inability of the one to supply the vital needs of the other. He said that although the population of Soviet Russia was increasing by 3,000,000 annually, the present cultivated area was less than in 1913, while there was an average yield of 10 per cent. below pre-war. Peasants only sold grain to cover taxes and were disinclined to provide more as towns had failed to supply the villages with industrial products. There was acute danger of an "explosion" of the entire scheme of industrialisation.—Reuter.

MIAO'S FATE

WIFE-MURDERER EXECUTED AT MANCHESTER

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

Chung Yi-miao, who was convicted at the Carlisle Assizes of the murder of his wife, while they were on a honeymoon tour of England, was executed at Manchester this morning.

The condemned man accepted the ministrations of the Chaplain and professed himself a member of the Christian religion before he died.—Reuter.

CABLE LIMITS

The master of a fishing junk who was charged with anchoring within the cable limits in Aberdeen on Dec. 6, was fined \$10 at the Marine Court this morning, in another case in which the master of a junk was charged with the same offence, the prosecuting officer told the Court that he would ascertain the extent in which the cable was damaged and the case was adjourned until to-morrow.

HARBOUR NOTICES

The Harbour Master notifies that during the period of Dec. 24, 1928 to Jan. 5, 1929, no examination for masters and mates for certificates of competency in the Mercantile Marine will be held.

Another notification dated Dec. 6 states that searchlight practice will be carried out as under:—Belchers, Dec. 11, Dec. 18, Jan. 8 and Jan. 16; Lyeem, Jan. 19 and Jan. 20.

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THE INQUIRY INTO LOSS OF "VESTRIS"

NEW STATEMENT

McCONKEY & JESSOP EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS

"LACK OF LEADERSHIP"

New York, Yesterday.
The reports of McConkey and Jessop do not confirm the sensational and exaggerated stories as to mutiny, cowardice and disorder aboard the "Vestris." Both agree that the SOS should have been sent about six hours earlier.

McConkey is very reticent and does not fix responsibility on any body, but he states that the lifesaving equipment was not fully or efficiently used. He is of opinion that women and children were lost owing to a misinterpretation of the rule "women and children first" and says that this means "first in their respective boats," and not all in the first boats to leave the ship.

Jessop criticises the "lack of leadership" aboard the "Vestris" and says there was no sign of any organisation in the loading and lowering of the lifeboats.—Reuter's American Service.

[At the British Government's suggestion, Federal Commissioner O'Neill, who is presiding over the "Vestris" Inquiry, was joined on the bench by two nautical experts, Captain McConkey, British marine superintendent of the Cunard line and Captain Jessop, an American ex-naval officer. They have been acting as advisers and have been questioning witnesses.]

THE PILGRIMS

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN ON THE KELLOGG PACT

CO-OPERATION WITH U.S.A.

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THE "WOUNDING" CHARGE

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Private James Boyle of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, who is charged with the attempted murder of Sergeant A. Kerr of the same regiment, and alternately, with causing harm by stabbing him in the ribs with a mess knife, on board H.M.'s Transport "Somersetshire" on the night of October 19-20, whilst between Aden and Colombo, made another appearance at the Central Magistracy this morning. Detective Inspector Lane reported to the Magistrate (Major C. Willson, O.B.E.) that no further news had been received from Colombo with regard to the injured Sergeant, and his Worship granted an application for a further week's remand.

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A RANGOON "BOLT FROM THE BLUE"

ALLEGED FRAUD

"WAYFOONG" & OTHER BANKS BADLY HIT

WARRANT FOR ARREST

Rangoon, Yesterday.
A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Keng Beng Choung, ex-Legislative Councillor and partner in the Beng Huat Company, rice merchants, at the instance of the Netherlands Bank, Lloyds Bank, and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who have alleged that he has cheated to the extent of 78 lakhs of rupees.

Beng Choung is alleged to have obtained credit for advances against a deposit of delivery orders for a ready stock of rice, which did not exist.

The banks mentioned applied to the High Court in September to have the Beng Huat Co. adjudicated insolvent.

The Netherlands Bank claimed to be a creditor for \$370,000, Lloyds for \$240,000 and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank for \$33,000.—Reuter.

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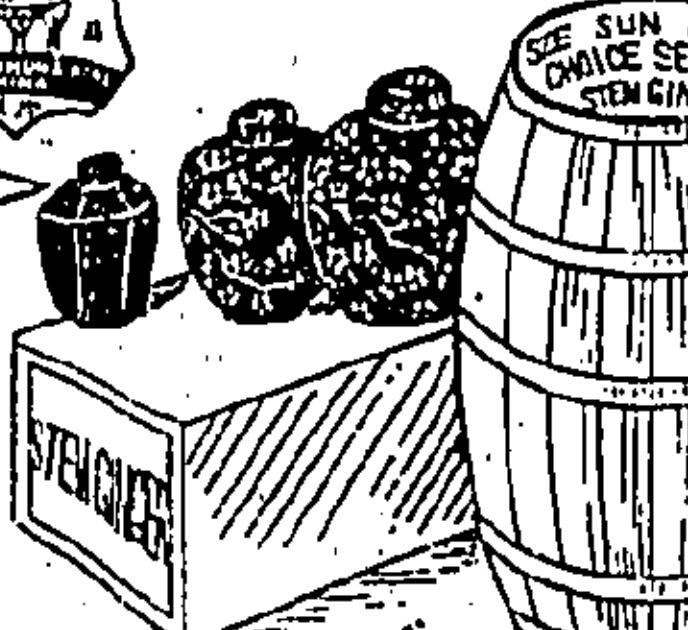
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BIRTH

MADAR—On December 3, at
Paulin Hospital, Shanghai,
to Mr. and Mrs. A. Madar,
a daughter.

DEATH

COLLACO—On December 2, at
24a, North Szechuen Road
Extension, Shanghai, Jose-
phine, second daughter of
the late Leo Jose Vicente
Collaco, aged 29.

Hong Kong, Friday, Dec. 7, 1928.

HONG KONG'S PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES

Of Hong Kong's public utility companies much might be said that perhaps would be just as well left unsaid meanwhile. If one expects perfection from any of them one is likely to be disappointed. Still, to jog them along now and then, besides coming within the scope of legitimate newspaper comment, is surely working along the right lines, all the more so when one or two quite obvious blemishes still persist in failing to find a remedy. When we, some time ago, pointed out a few of these in the columns of the "China Mail" with regard to the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., we were called to book. Public utility companies here as elsewhere have a tendency to think so well of themselves that even the mildest of adverse criticism is resented. Not that we much mind that so far as we ourselves and the columns of this newspaper are concerned for we have long since noted that it is only those who have something to fear from adverse criticism who are easily provoked by what is plainly to the point. We have said and we say it again that those responsible

for the method of transporting motor cars across the harbour have quite a lot to learn from other concerns elsewhere who run the business on up-to-date lines. Could anything be more primitive than the present methods adopted? To transport one's car across the harbour one has, especially in the absence of a chauffeur, all sorts of annoyances to contend against—the chief worry being the putting on and the taking off of the car. The means of transport still continues to be a lighter of none too up-to-date an appearance, and when one appears on the scene the board which one should imagine would be in readiness for the use of the car to rest upon is conspicuous by its absence. That is as to the putting on process. In the taking off of the car one meets with a similar unpleasant experience for one has to take an actual physical part in the operation. Absurdly primitive the whole affair, and the time is long since overdue for better motor transport facilities being provided. And not only is the service quite unsatisfactory, it is altogether much too expensive. Not so much so as it used to be when \$3—(if we remember aright)—was charged for every car. It is much less now, but it is much too much, even reduced.

Then we have, in the Peak Tramway, one more public utility concern that is run on lines that might at least admit of not a little improvement. To say nothing of the altogether ridiculously heavy charge made for monthly tickets, what we dislike most of all is the arbitrary manner in which the Company act on occasion, when they state bluntly that at such a time there will be no tram running. This sort of thing, it seems to us, happens at least once or twice a month. Obviously, the fair and square method of handling the problem is for the Company to reduce the price of monthly tickets; but will they do so? Then we have the Tramway Company on the lower levels, busier than ever nowadays with its bus service running in conjunction with its tramways. There may be coming a time—and at no distant date—when tramways, even in Hong Kong, will be regarded as a somewhat old-fashioned manner of locomotion. Meaning, however, the trams appear to be efficiently run and we believe that they give satisfaction to the general public. It seems to us that most of the public utility companies in

Hong Kong, much more than in other places, show a very decided tendency to act in the manner of most monopolies. They appear to be unenterprising in the extreme and arbitrary to a high and an unwholesome degree. They lack what is, after all, the best spur to efficiency, namely, a vigorous and healthy competition. But that is no reason why Hong Kong residents should tamely submit to the effects of such lack of enterprise and inefficiency. They should on all occasions and by all means in their power—principally through the medium of the Press—unhesitatingly ventilate their grievances and condemn what is so flagrantly and obviously at fault in our public utility concerns.

H.E. The Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., has consented to open the New Wesleyan Sailors and Soldiers' Home on Praya East, on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1929, at 5.30 p.m.

Among the "Malwa's" passengers who disembarked here today were Miss G. Garson, Mr. W. R. Eldridge and Mr. A. C. Bowker from Shanghai, and Miss N. O'Neill from Kobe.

Mr. Kodaka, the pearls expert, arrives in Hong Kong on December 14 and, on the next day, will open his exhibition of pearls in Messrs. Komor & Komor's premises in St. George's-building.

A fire broke out in a coalyard at Wai Ching-street, Yau-mat, shortly after midnight, last night involving about 200 tons of coal. The Kowloon Fire Brigade turned out and in less than half an hour the fire was subdued.

Colonel F. S. Exham, D.S.O., who is Deputy Director of Ordnance Service both in the North China Command and in the South China Command, arrived in Hong Kong this morning by the P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" from Shanghai.

An appointment to the post of Sub-Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, has been made in the appointment of the Rev. Vernon G. Sutcliffe, M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, Paddington. Mr. Sutcliffe is an M.A. of Trinity College, Dublin, and served as an Army Chaplain during the war.

Yesterday saw another heavy list of small-pox cases in the Colony. Twelve were reported in the Kowloon registration district and two in the city, making fourteen in all. There was also one case of diphtheria from Kowloon and one of enteric fever (typhoid) from the city. All patients concerned are Chinese.

The Bazaar Committee of St. Vincent de Paul have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of the following gifts to their forthcoming bazaar:—French Convent, fancy needle-work articles; Mrs. Jovitt, knitted articles; C. Chan, Star Store, 2,000 cigarettes; Kwong Sang Hong, Ltd., toilet articles.

The Indian constable, charged with assaulting a young girl on the hillside at Kowloon City, was committed by Mr. E. T. Wynne-Jones, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuted on behalf of the Crown and Mr. d'Almada (instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almada, Snr.), appeared for the defendant.

The many friends of Dr. Eva Ho Tung, (daughter of Sir Robert Ho Tung), who graduated from Hong Kong University in Dec., 1926, will be glad to learn that she has recently gained another distinction by passing the examination for the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (M.R.C.P.I.). We believe this is the first time that such an honour has been conferred on a Chinese lady, and we congratulate her on her success.

Mr. Chun Yen-bun, managing director of the Odeon Theatre Co. (Federal Incorporated, U.S.A.), Shanghai, arrived in Hong Kong on the "Empress of Russia," and is staying in King Edward Hotel. The Odeon Co. recently acquired the exclusive rights of distribution of the 1928-29 Paramount productions and his visit here is said to be for the purpose of negotiating for the release of these pictures in South China. His company is building two more theatres in Shanghai which will open next autumn. Mr. Chun is a native of Canton and was with Holt's Wharf for over ten years.

On account of Mr. R. E. Lindell being indisposed, Major C. Willson, O.B.E., sat in the First Court at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. Chungshu Kwei, managing editor of "The China Critic," is staying in Hong Kong at the King Edward Hotel. He came down on the "Empress of Russia."

Three men, armed with revolvers, held up the inmates of No. 16 Argyle-street last night and stole \$100. A report was made to the Mongkok police station.

Ladies' Night at the European Young Men's Christian Association, Kowloon, held last night, was enjoyed by a large attendance. There was a musical programme and a guessing competition.

As a mark of respect, flags at the Wing On Co's premises were flown at half-mast yesterday following the death in Shekhi, Heungshan, of the mother of Mr. Gock Chin, one of the principals.

While on patrol near Sung Wong Terrace, Kowloon City, yesterday an Indian constable discovered the body of a Chinese girl, aged about 16. There were no marks of injury on the body.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of the Rev. H. Marsden, of the London Mission, Tingchow, Fukien, to Miss E. Bottomley, No. 48, Marlborough-street, Oldham, Lancashire, who is coming to Hong Kong by the s.s. "Kalyan."

With nine years' experience of entertainment in the Far East to their credit, the Manila Shows are now busy at Praya East reclamation putting up their structure, Ferris Wheel, "giant sea-planes," etc. Doors will open at 6 p.m. to-morrow.

Among the passengers arrived in Hong Kong by the s.s. "Empress of Russia" (from Canada via Japan and Shanghai) yesterday were Mrs. K. H. Beavis, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Burgess, Mr. A. M. Birchall, Mrs. H. Gittins, Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., Com. Leg Hon., Mr. L. Kadoorie, Mrs. J. S. Murray, Mr. H. W. Page, Mr. R. R. Roxburgh.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Comdr. J. B. Nevill, D.S.O., R.N., the master of a cargo boat was fined \$10 for causing an obstruction inside the Yau-mat typhoon shelter. Another boatmaster, charged with anchoring his craft in the Southern Fairway and causing an obstruction, was discharged on the ground of insufficiency of evidence.

Among those disembarking at Hong Kong from the outward-bound P. & O. s.s. "Mantau" yesterday were the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, C.B.E., K.C. (the Attorney General), Mr. W. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lang, Mr. T. R. Rowell, Mr. G. Morrison, Capt. and Mrs. A. Stewart, Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. and Mrs. P. Lanigan, Commodore R. A. S. Hill, Pay Lt.-Comdr. Pasmore, Pay Lt. W. G. Tighe, Surg. Lt. F. Dolan, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stimson, Pay Sub-Lt. Petre, Lt. T. Leahy, Mr. L. H. V. Booth, Mr. D. Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. E. Davidson, Mr. A. S. Mackichan and Sub-Lt. Bryans.

SAHARA AIR ROUTE

WHAT FRANCE HOPES TO DO BY 1930

Paris.—By 1930 France hopes to carry on a weekly air service between Paris and Madagascar which will cross the Sahara and the tropical forests of the Congo and being Antananarivo within six days of Paris. A company has been formed known as the Air Afrique, and M. Laurent Eynac, France's new Air Minister, is giving the organisation all the support possible. Commandant Dagnaux is the main inspirer of the scheme, and in a series of expeditions between 1919 and 1927 he has gradually mapped out the route which the new line will take. A French line already exists from Paris to Oran, and with this an agreement has been signed. The Sahara will be flown in two stages, and owing to the heat the flights will take place at night. A Belgian line which already exists will assure the service from Libengion, the Belgian Congo frontier, to Tete, in Portuguese Mozambique. Thence to Madagascar the Air Afrique will be responsible for the traffic. M. Laurent Eynac, through whose activities many such schemes are expected to be launched, was recently appointed a member of the Supreme Council of National Defence.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

It was in a sleepy village that it happened. A stranger who was passing through the place entered the one and only hair-dresser's establishment.

"How soon can you cut my hair?" he asked.

The barber looked up from his book, rubbed his eyes, and shook himself. Then he turned to his somnolent apprentice.

"John," he said, "Pop over to the 'Argus' office, and ask the editor if he's finished editing the paper, I want my scissors to cut a gentleman's hair if he's done with them."

At a horse auction a weedy-looking brute was led into the ring. The gentleman on the rostrum let himself go a little in describing its virtues.

"Look, gents," he said, "here's a fine little hunter. He is stronger than he looks, and game, too. My word, there's not a fence in Leicestershire he's refused. Got some of the best blood in England in him, too. Handsome, mettlesome, fearless, that's wot he is. Now, what am I bid for him?"

"Pause—then a tired voice:

"Two-ten."

"Thank you, sir," said the auctioneer, with alacrity, "he's yours."

Mr. John Coates, the leading English tenor, who is 63 years of age, can tell a good story with the best of the youngsters.

One that he is fond of relating concerns a certain newly-rich man, who was stocking his library, which occupation was causing him considerable anxiety. At last, in despair, he called in an expert bookseller, and, after many suggestions and a final order for a complete library, he turned to his adviser and said:

"By the way, I don't so much care what's inside the books, but what I want is for the outside of 'em to look nice. Something real stylish, you know, and blow the expense."

"In that case, sir," replied the bookseller, "I would suggest that you have them bound uniformly in morocco."

"Bound in Morocco!" roared the newly-made Croesus. "No, certainly not. Don't you realise the matter is urgent? I want the confounded things bound at once."

"I hear the audience last night was rather cold, Mr. Hamfat?" "Most of the people were at first, but when they remembered that they had paid good money to see the show they got quite hot!"

Instead of a North-east Coast colliery closing down the miners suffered a reduction in wages of five per cent. as a loan to be paid back when trade revived.

One pay morning the under-manager on going to the pay office noticed a group of men standing discussing matters. He naturally asked what the meeting was about, and he received the reply: "This, sir, is a meeting of the shareholders."

He was working on a high building, when he fell. In falling, he managed to grasp a telegraph wire. "Hold on!" yelled his mates, and ran for a mattress. But he let go.

On his recovery he was asked why he didn't hold on.

"Well," he said, "I was afraid the wire would break."

An old woman who had called in the doctor to give her treatment for a cold was somewhat grumpy when she found that her own doctor had been unable to come, and had sent a young deputy.

After questioning and examining his patient, the young doctor nodded wisely and said:—

"Ah, I know what's the matter with you. You are suffering from nasal catarrh."

The old woman looked disgusted at the doctor. "Look here, my man," she said, acidly, "I sent for you to cure my cold—no to christen it!"

School Inspector: "Now, children, if I wanted to become a carpenter, what should I require that at present I haven't got?"

Bottom boy (sharply, for once): "A character, sir."

THE BIG MATCH

To-morrow's League Soccer Games

ATHLETIC TO PLAY POLICE

Date for Lai Wah Cup Final: Three Suspensions

[By "Rover"]

Although several fixtures down for to-morrow may be postponed, the League soccer programme is varied and interesting as will be seen below.

Latest activities in the local football world generally are described.

H.K.A.-FOOTBALL LEAGUE—NOV. 8

Hong Kong League, Division I—kick-off 4.00 p.m.

2nd Batt. K.O.S.B. v. Recreio, King's Park—referee, Bd. Mr. Kerslake.

Chinese Athletic v. Police R.C., H.K.F.C. ground—referee, C. P. O. Cowan, R.N.

Royal Artillery v. Hong Kong F.C., Sookumpoo—referee, Wt. Engr. Barbour, R.N.

Royal Navy v. Small Units, Caroline Hill—referee, Mr. F. Smith.

[1st Batt. Queen's Regt. v. Kowloon F.C., at Chatham-road—match put off]

Hong Kong League, Division II—kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Royal Navy v. Small Units, R.N. ground—referee, Mr. Stoakes.

Chinese Athletic v. 2nd Batt. K.O.S.B., H.K.F.C. ground—referee, Staff-Sgt. Gilmour.

South China "B" v. Eastern F.C., Sookumpoo—referee, L. S. Hatwell, R.N.

South China "A" v. St. Joseph's College, South China ground—referee, P. O. Craig, R.N.

Kowloon F.C. v. Club de Recreio, Kowloon F.C. ground—referee, E. R. A. Anderson, R.N.

[Royal Air Force v. 1st Batt. Queen's Regt. and University v. Royal Artillery—matches put off.]

With three senior matches in Hong Kong and one in Kowloon, there is a wide selection. I am authoritatively informed that the Queen's Regiment's matches are off, owing to their sports meeting and camp. There is a doubt about the H.K.F.C. match at Sookumpoo, as the R.A. are in camp; both are doubtful of raising representative teams and may mutually agree to postpone.

Chinese Athletic are not sweeping the board this season and may find the Police a hard nut to crack on the Club ground. The Police will be without Sherry and Howarth—the latter a big loss as he is a forcible forward—but are fielding a good side and if the Athletic just get home, they will have to pick up all their chances because the Police defence knows all the moves on the board, and the forwards of the Police side can snap up a chance when it comes along. This is the big game to-morrow. A very small margin should separate the Clubs at the finish and Police may repeat last week's success.

The Club should beat the R.A. at Sookumpoo—if they play—but the match is very doubtful as Goldman and one or two of the Club players are not available and the R.A., owing to Service exigencies, will find it very difficult to raise a team.

The Royal Navy with a strong side should score a victory over the Army Small Units. The Navy have not, up to date, done so well as anticipated. Next week, on the arrival of several units of H.M.'s Fleet, the side will be considerably strengthened and I expect them to surprise one or two of the leaders who have taken points from them, to date. Royal Navy should get the points at Caroline Hill to-morrow with a bit to spare.

At Kowloon, the Queen's Regt. and Kowloon match is, I understand, definitely off, so that Kowloon spectators must be content with a fine sporting match at King's Park where Recreio and the Borderers should put up a big fight. Recreio are relying on their juniors this year and these are making a good show. With Reeves an attraction on the K.O.S.B. side and Gosano out for Recreio, two of our possible Interport centre-

forwards will be on view. Last year's match was a thrilling one with Recreio just taking the honours in a great struggle. To-morrow I expect the result to be just as close but with the visitors—for whom I have great respect—just securing the two points.

The junior programme is a good one. The Athletic make a welcome re-appearance against the K.O.S.B. and the winners of this match should be in the running for the championship of the division. I expect the K.O.S.B. to win. Queen's will not be out and wins should be recorded, amongst others, for Royal Navy, South China "B," South China "A" and Kowloon. The University will probably not play any more League matches this season.

H. E. the officer administering the Government has expressed his willingness to be present at the final of the Lai Wah Cup on Saturday, Dec. 15, the finalists being the Army and the Chinese, and the match should be a great one, both sides being in fine form at present.

At emergency meetings of the H.K.F.A. Council held during the week, sentence of suspension has been passed on a 1st Batt. Queen's Regiment player for striking in the Queen's v. Chinese Athletic (junior) game and the captain of the Chinese Athletic Reserves has been suspended for allowing his team to leave the field, the result of the match at the termination of the game being allowed to stand. Nellies of the R. A. has also been suspended for rough play in the R. A. v. South China.

The action of the H. K. F. A. in punishing foul play is to be commended, but I sincerely hope that referee's will differentiate between robust play and foul play, as weak referees can spoil a game to a greater extent than robust players, and sending a player off for a doubtful tackle is not sport. Soccer is a mainly pastime and players must give and take 'hard knocks in the right spirit. I have in mind a player who says he was ordered off for a doubtful tackle. This is wrong. He should have been warned if his report is correct. Striking has no alternative. Off goes the delinquent. But soccer without a few rough passages is not worth watching—I said rough not foul.

South China are the odd team out this week and derive consolation by the fact that officially they are the only unbeaten team in the League, as, at a meeting of the H.K. Football League which considered a protest arising out of the South China v. K.O.S.B. match (over the playing of Reeves who had not complied with the 48 hours' registration rule) the emergency meeting of the League decided the result be ignored, the match be replayed and the new "gate" to go to the funds of the League. I expect both Clubs will be more or less satisfied, the League treasurer very much so.

The league tables to date are appended:

Division I.									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	G.	Pts.
Queen's	8	7	0	1	24	7	14		
S. China	6	6	0	0	15	5	12		
Athletic	6	4	1	1	18	11	9		
Recreio	7	3	2	2	24	17	8		
K.O.S.B.	5	3	1	1	18	7	7		
Police	6	3	1	2	13	10	7		
R.A.	7	3	0	4	12	12	6		
Kowloon	7	1	3	3	8	13	5		
Navy	8	1	1	6	8	17	3		
H.K.F.C.	7	1	1	5	10	27	3		
S. Units	7	0	7	0	4	29	0		

Division II.									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	G.	Pts.
K.O.S.B.	8	7	0	1	47	8	14		
Navy	7	5	1	1	32	8	11		
Queen's	6	6	1	0	23	4	11		
Athletic	6	5	0	1	17	4	10		
Eastern	7	3	2	2	15	11	8		
R.A.F.	9	3	1	5	20	7	7		
S. China "B"	7	3	1	3	11	14	7		
S. China "A"	8	1	4	3	12	17	6		
Recreio	7	3	0	4	11	25	6		
S. Units	9	2	1	6	11	35	5		
University	6	2	0	4	10	14	4		
St. Joseph's	7	1	2	4	6	15	3		
Kowloon	7	2	0	5	6	24	4		
R.A.	6	1	1	4	8	30	3		

Teams for To-morrow:

Royal Navy 1st XI.—Brookman ("Titania"), Barkerham ("Titania"), Baker ("Titania"); Cofe ("Tamar"), Farlow ("Titania"); Moss ("Cumberland"); Sadler ("Cornflower"), Kernick ("Titania"), Evans ("Bruce"), Mann ("Cumberland"), Bowles ("Cumberland").

Police R. C.—Clarke; Wynne, Williams; Brittain, Hudson, Jessop; Pile, McGreavey, A. N. Other, Fraser, Shepherd.

Chinese Athletic.—Yik Chan-ping; Ng Kam-chuen, Lai Yuk-tat; Leung Yuk-tong, Wong Sui-wa, Lam Yuk-ying; Tao Kwai-shing, Shek Pui-tim, Wong Pak-chong, Suen Kam-shun, Chan Kwong-lu.

Royal Navy "B".—Price ("Tamar"); Willis ("Cumberland"); Johnson ("Cumberland"); Yard ("Titania"); Sims ("Tamar"); Greenland ("Sepoy"); Clark ("Titania"); Skull ("Tamar"); Wells ("Cumberland"); Sorbie ("Tamar"); Honey ("Titania").

Kowloon F.C. 2nd XI.—Angus; Nicholls, East; Robson, A. N. Other or Easterbrook, Dunnett; Hannan, Davies, Moss, Blacklock, Eastman. Reserves: White, Seddon, organ.

HOCKEY

HONG KONG LADIES' HOCKEY CLUB

There will be an Inter-Club match on Saturday at Happy Valley, when the following team, representing the Tai Koo Section, F. Cousins, B. Laing, M. Wallace, E. Russell, E. O'Hagan, M. Russell, J. Bell, N. McNeillie, B. Baker, M. Hansen, and J. Whyte, will play the following ladies, representing the rest of the Club:—A. Steel, E. J. Coppin, M. B. Bird, E. Tassartez, J. Andrews, A. Owen-Hughes, M. J. Jarvis, P. Goodall, D. Stanion, M. Riggs, E. R. Bell.

St. Andrew's Club Beat Y.M.C.A. An interesting hockey match was played at King's Park, Kowloon yesterday afternoon between teams representing the St. Andrew's Church Young Men's Club and the European Y.M.C.A. second eleven. St. Andrew's won by three goals to one, but the score was not a true indication of the progress of the game, as the "Y" players had their full share of the exchanges. They were, however, weak when in front of goal, and thus missed quite a few chances of netting the ball.

CRICKET

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL v. R. N. 2ND XI.

MID-WEEK MATCHES

Diocesan Boys' School beat the Royal Navy 2nd XI. at cricket on Wednesday by 48 runs. Scores:—

Royal Navy 2nd XI.
Lt.-Comdr. Pears, b YoungSays 56
White, c Reed, b R. Lee 13
Timothy, b R. Lee 13
Fox, c G. A. Lee, b YoungSays 2
Buttery, run out 1
Rumsby, c Anderson, b R. Lee 1
Waters, c Kwan, b YoungSays 0
Malcolm, c Jackson, b R. Lee 7
Sayers, b R. Lee 1
Bowman, not out 0
Extras 2

Total 84
One man absent.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Lee	9.2	1	16	5
Kwan	2	0	12	0
Anderson	4	0	19	0
Zimmerman	2	0	11	0
YoungSays	5	0	22	3

Diocesan Boys' School
D. J. N. Anderson, c Sayers, b Waters 64
W. H. Kwan, b Timothy 4
F. Zimmerman, c b Timothy 11
F. K. Lee, run out 1
J. L. YoungSays, c Bowman, b Timothy 11
G. A. Lee, b Timothy 6
R. Lee, c b White 8
A. Prata, c Buttery, b Timothy 8
R. Reed, c sub. b Waters 3
G. Winch, b Waters 1
H. Jackson, not out 10
Extras 5

Total 132
BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Timothy	22	3	41	5
Malcolm	6	1	32	0
Waters	9.5	2	32	3
Rumsby	3	0	14	0
White	2	1	3	1

K.C.C. v. "TITANIA"

Yesterday H.M.S. "Titania" lost to the Kowloon Cricket Club at Kowloon, in a friendly match. The Club won by the narrow margin of seven runs.

Kowloon C. C. batted first and declared at 161 runs for five wickets. The highest scorers were Brace 67, Lt. Laithwaite 37 (not out), and Lt. Puttee 27.

"Titania" replied with 154 runs, Lt. Giles with 37 and Pay-Comdr. Littleton 21 being the highest scorers.

H.K.C.C. Teams
The Hong Kong C.C. 1st XI to play the K.C.C. 1st XI on the K.C.C. ground to-morrow, at 2 p.m., will be:—H. R. B. Hancock (captain), J. Bonnar, A. C. I. Bowker, Capt. A. G. Dobbie, Major D. Gaye, A. W. Hayward, O. Moor, H. Owen Hughes, T. D. Pearce, Rev. E. K. Quick, C. E. Wales.

The H.K.C.C. 2nd XI to meet the Diocesan Boys' School on the H.K.C.C. ground to-morrow at 2 p.m., will be:—A. H. Gillingham (captain), H. J. Armstrong, W. B. Cornaby, G. E. Dlvett, R. H. Dowler, Capt. A. N. Evers, H. F. L. Ewin, C. P. James, W. V. L. Stanion, J. A. Summers, R. Wade.

TENNIS

OPEN MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Yesterday three matches were decided in the open Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship organised by the Chinese Recreation Club. Two United Services Recreation Club pairs succeeded in qualifying for the semi-final in which they will have to meet each other.

In the remaining match, another U.S.R.C. pair were eliminated after a strenuous struggle in which the full three sets had to be played before a decision was possible.

The full results were:
Dr. and Mrs. Tottenham (U.S.R.C.) beat Horace Lo and Miss Luard (Chinese R.C.), 7-5, 6-2.

Lieut. and Mrs. Hale (U.S.R.C.) beat Mrs. McCaw and P. M. Pinguet (Kowloon C.C.), 9-7, 6-3.
H. Owen Hughes and Mrs. Miles (Hong Kong C.C.) beat Major Lucas and Mrs. Donald Smith (U.S.R.C.), 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

THE SECOND TEST

13 AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS TO STAND BY

"BRISBANE MEN" STILL IN

Brisbane, Yesterday.
The preliminary selection of the Australian team for the Second Test Match which starts at Sydney on Dec. 14 is as follows:—

J. S. Ryder (Victoria),
W. H. Ponsford (Victoria),
W. M. Woodfull (Victoria),
A. F. Kippax (New South Wales),
D. Bradman (New South Wales),
T. J. E. Andrews (New South Wales),
D. D. J. Blackie (Victoria),
C. V. Grimmett (South Australia),
H. L. Hendry (Victoria),
H. Ironmonger (Victoria),
C. Kellaway (New South Wales),
V. Richardson (South Australia),
W. A. Oldfield (New South Wales).

Of the eleven defeated at Brisbane, J. M. Gregory (New South Wales) is omitted because of recurrence of knee trouble which, it has been reported, may end his Test career. C. Kellaway, who became ill, has been included again. R. M. Oxenham (Queensland), the twelfth man, has been dropped. Andrews, Blackie and Richardson bring the number up to thirteen—as against the twelve chosen for the First Test.

SNOOKER

The local snooker championship, conducted by the management of the Palace Hotel, was taken a step further last night when F. E. Silva met and defeated A. Lewis by 221 to 121.

Silva's scores were 58, 81, 82, whilst Lewis returned 40, 24 and 57. C. Barnshaw will meet H. da Luz at 9 o'clock to-night.

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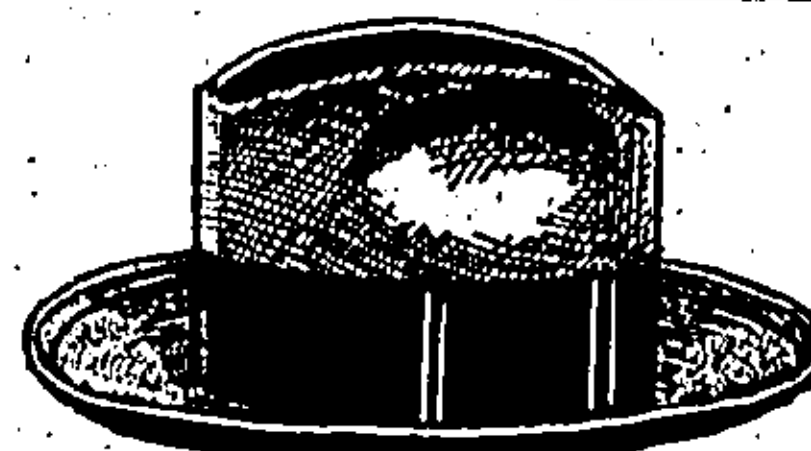
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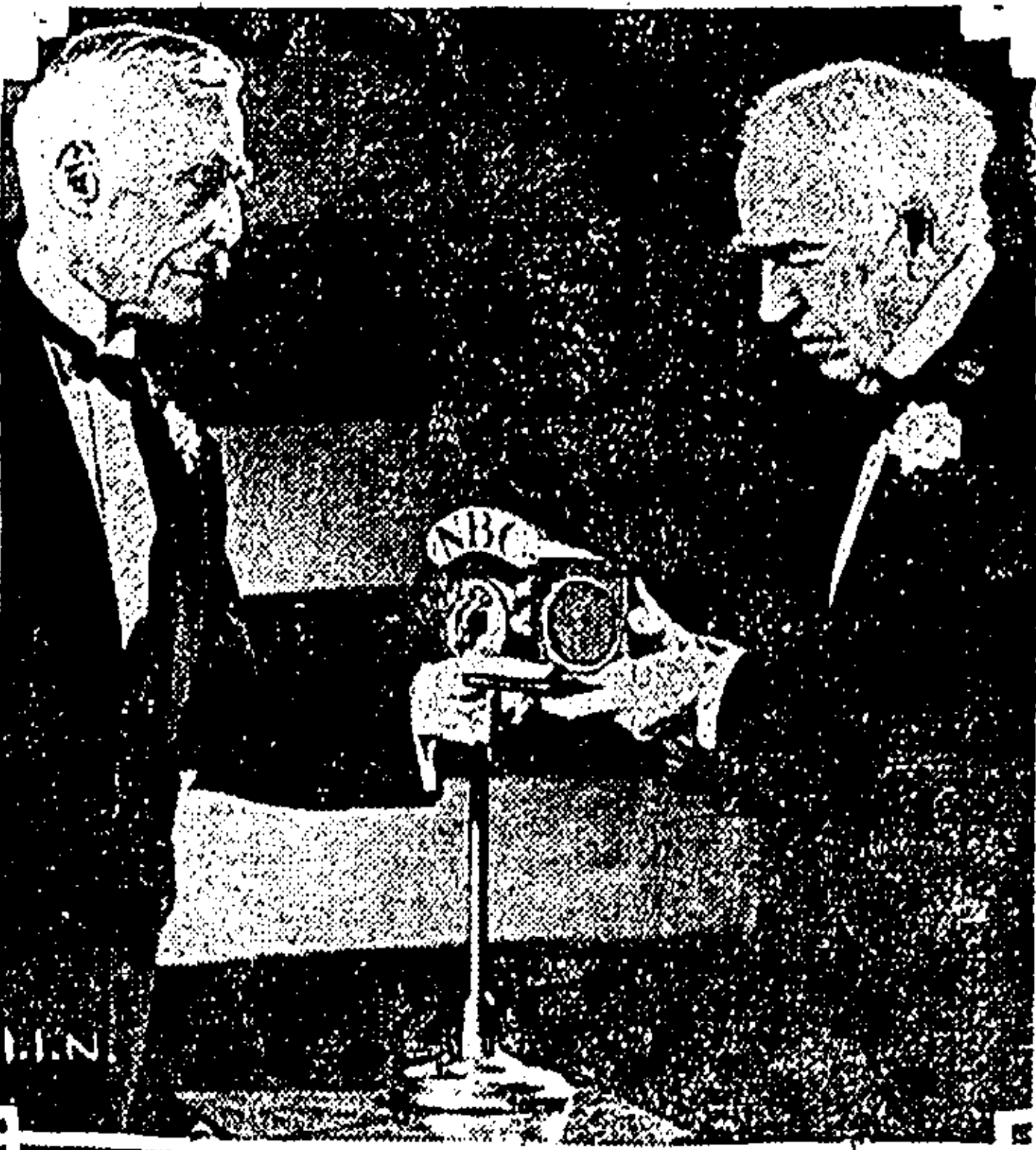
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Dancing Sensation Of Paris



Discovered by Queen Marie of Rumania, the 12-years-old Lydie Byzanti of Bucharest, is proving a sensation as a dancer in the Paris music halls. The girl is of an aristocratic Rumanian family and was "taken up" by Her Majesty shortly after her debut as an amateur.

Edison's Honour



Mr. Andrew Mellon, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, presenting the gold Medal of Congress to Mr. Thomas A. Edison, the world famous electrical wizard, at the Edison laboratories. The award was made because of Mr. Edison's scientific achievements.

Fashionable Pyjamas



A pretty creation is this new negligee of moire and metallic "rain-bow" cloth trimmed with lace. Heavy, lustrous satin pyjamas complete the costume.

Saw Mr. Churchill



Mr. S. Parker Gilbert, Agent-General for Reparations, who, after conferences with Mr. J. P. Morgan, Premier Poincare of France and Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has made genuine progress toward reconciling conflicting views toward German reparations.

Best Dressed Student



She's a genuine Hawaiian, is Eva Nina King, born within a stone's throw of Waikiki, the beach which the song-writers have immortalized. She has just been chosen as the best dressed student on the campus of Mills College in California.

Russian Film Star



Madame Olga Bacianova, the film star, who is desirous of marrying a second time and has appealed to the Russian Consul in Paris for help. She is reported to be engaged to Nicolas Souzain, a character actor.

Charity At Christmas



Peggy Hoover (inset) and Harriet Hector, two of Broadway's most beautiful dancers, are among the several score of theatrical notables who will give their services to this year's Christmas fund benefit. The show is an annual affair and its proceeds go to New York city's needy children.

Flying Reporter Visits President



Karl von Wiegand (left), the first American newspaperman to fly the Atlantic on an "assignment," and John T. Lambert, Universal Service writer, photographed on steps of the White House after a call upon President Coolidge. It was Von Wiegand's dispatches from the "Graf Zeppelin" that kept a world informed of the dirigible's terrific battle with the elements.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

OFFICER'S LAPSE STEAM AND DIESEL CENSURED BY MARINE COURT OF ENQUIRY THE COMPARATIVE EFFECT ON THE PROPELLER

SERIOUS CHARGE

Yesterday afternoon a Marine Court of Inquiry, held an investigation into charges against Patrick Scully, late Chief Officer of the s.s. "Chuenchow," of drunkenness and misconduct on board the vessel, whilst she was on a voyage to Macao on November 24 last. The offences were further alleged to have been repeated at Macao on November 25.

The Court was constituted as follows:—Mr. W. H. Hoagwood (Deputy Harbour Master) President; Lieut.-Comdr. J. E. Cullen (H.M.S. "Cumberland"); Capt. R. T. Hughes (s.s. "Tyndareus"); Capt. E. B. Bishop (s.s. "Chak-sang"); Capt. H. W. Walker (s.s. "Kwongtung").

After evidence had been heard and log entries of the dates in question, including remarks relative to the arrest of the officer by the Macao police, had been produced, Scully expressed regret and apologized for his conduct.

The Court, after retiring, returned the following decision:—

"We find that Mr. Patrick Scully, mate of the s.s. 'Chuenchow,' holding a certificate of competency as master for river trade only, was guilty of misconduct (drunkenness), on board on November 24, 25 and 26 and we adjudge that he be severely censured. The Board further adds that they consider that the master was at fault in not preventing Mr. Patrick Scully from obtaining further alcohol when he first observed his condition."

Mr. Leo d'Almada, Senior, was for the defence.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The Ben Line s.s. "Benrinnes" from Middlesbrough, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on Wednesday, and is due to arrive here on Sunday.

The B.L. s.s. "Talma" left Singapore for this port on Dec. 5 afternoon, and is due here on Dec. 12 morning.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Colombo yesterday at 6 a.m., and left Colombo at 4 p.m., and is due at Port Said on Dec. 15 at 6 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of France" from Hong Kong on Nov. 28, left Yokohama yesterday, and is due at Vancouver on Dec. 15.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benarty" from Europe, Straits and Philippines is due to arrive here on Dec. 16.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Dec. 1, and is due here on Dec. 20. She will sail for Manila on Dec. 21 at 5 p.m.

The M.V. s.s. "Ceylon" (Syndical East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Dunkirk on Nov. 15, and is due here on or about Dec. 24.

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[By A. L. A. in the "Burntisland Shipyard Journal"]

It is no purpose of this note to adopt a partisan attitude. Both kinds of power have their efficient adaptability in particular directions. In any event, it is overall efficiency which is of importance, but the following deals with an important point which is frequently overlooked.

In connection with the Diesel type of machinery or any other fast-running engine it is necessary always to have regard to a very bad effect which often results at the propeller. The Diesel engine is usually run at a rate of revolutions which is appreciably faster than that which normally applies in the case of the steam reciprocating engine, and, at least in the case of the average cargo vessel, this involves an entirely new outlook in designing the propeller.

In such cases the higher rate of revolutions requires that the propeller be substantially reduced in diameter, and usually to such an extent that, relative to the vessels breadth, it is so small as to cause it to be much inferior in its efficiency as compared to that which would normally have been fitted in the case of the steam reciprocating engine running at a much slower rate of revolutions.

But it is rare that even this alteration in design is sufficient. After reducing the diameter to an extent which may be considered the limit in this direction, and in spite of the fact that this has created an inefficient condition relative to the hull, it is also usually found necessary to reduce the pitch of the propeller to an abnormal extent. This, in itself, when very low-pitch ratios are adopted, is a further cause of inefficiency.

The two effects in combination are therefore responsible for a serious fall in propeller efficiency, such as is not always appreciated. Both arise from the necessity to design the propeller to suit the engine rather than the hull. It is necessary, therefore, when having regard to the mechanical economy of such machinery, to keep in mind the loss which takes place at the propeller, and which must be set off against the former.

An interesting example of the effect can be seen in the following, the information referring to a motor vessel, and has been taken from an article published in a technical journal:—Dimensions 450 ft. by 57.3 ft. by 27.56 ft. draft, displacement 16,000 tons, block coefficient 788, speed 10 knots, shaft horsepower 2,400, revolutions 100, propeller (diameter) 16.6 ft., pitch 11 ft.

Examination of the propeller design shows that in this particular case the above dimensions of diameter and pitch are ideal from the point of view of absorbing, as efficiently as possible the power which is delivered to it at 100 revolutions. The only question that arises, therefore, is the efficiency of the propeller itself to transform the rotary power into thrust.

The effective horsepower, as representing the resistance of the vessel at the speed of 10 knots, is estimated as being 1,030. In other words, this is the amount of useful work resulting from the 2,400 shaft horsepower, and the propulsive efficiency can therefore be said to be 43 per cent. This is extremely low, and undoubtedly arises from the very small diameter, together with the abnormally low pitch-ratio.

Pitch-ratio is $\frac{\text{pitch}}{\text{diameter}}$.
In the present case $\frac{11.0}{16.6} = .667$.

It will now be interesting to see what might have been attained had the propeller been designed for ordinary steam reciprocating machinery and with freedom to adopt a propeller of diameter most suitable to the particular hull and having a normal degree of pitch ratio. The propeller may now be made 20 feet 6 inches diameter, which is in quite good relation with 57.3 feet breadth of vessel. It may also be decided at this stage to make the pitch ratio unity, i.e. 20 feet 6 inches, and thereby assure that the efficiency will arise from this direction. This propeller at 51.2 revolutions will require 1,650 shaft horsepower to enable it to overcome the 1,030 effective horsepower, and the propulsive efficiency now becomes 82 1/2 per cent., instead of only 43 per cent. as in the former case.

This example is interesting in showing that to drive the vessel with a propeller 16 ft. 6 in. diameter and 11 ft. pitch at 100 revolutions, as is suitable to the internal-combustion engine, requires 2,400 shaft horsepower as compared with a propeller 20 ft. 6 in. diameter and 20 ft. 6 in. pitch at 51.2 revolutions suitable to the steam reciprocating engine, and which requires only 1,650 s.h.p. to do the same amount of useful work. The additional amount of power in the former case, and which is a dead loss, is about 45 1/2 per cent.

In cases such as the example referred to, it is necessary, therefore, to recognise that, although a higher rate of efficiency in power-production, i.e. fuel per power, may be attained, this is far from being a complete comparative representation, it being essential also to take into account the abnormal loss of power at the propeller, and which in consequence, necessitates a larger amount being generated in the internal combustion engines as compared with steam.

The ideal condition and procedure of propeller design is, in the first place, to provide a propeller which will most efficiently drive the particular hull, and, secondly, to design the engine to revolve the propeller most economically. When internal combustion engines depending for their economy in first cost and power-production upon a high rate of revolutions, are a basis condition of the design, it becomes necessary, unfortunately, to reverse the process and to design the propeller to suit the engines.

SALVAGING

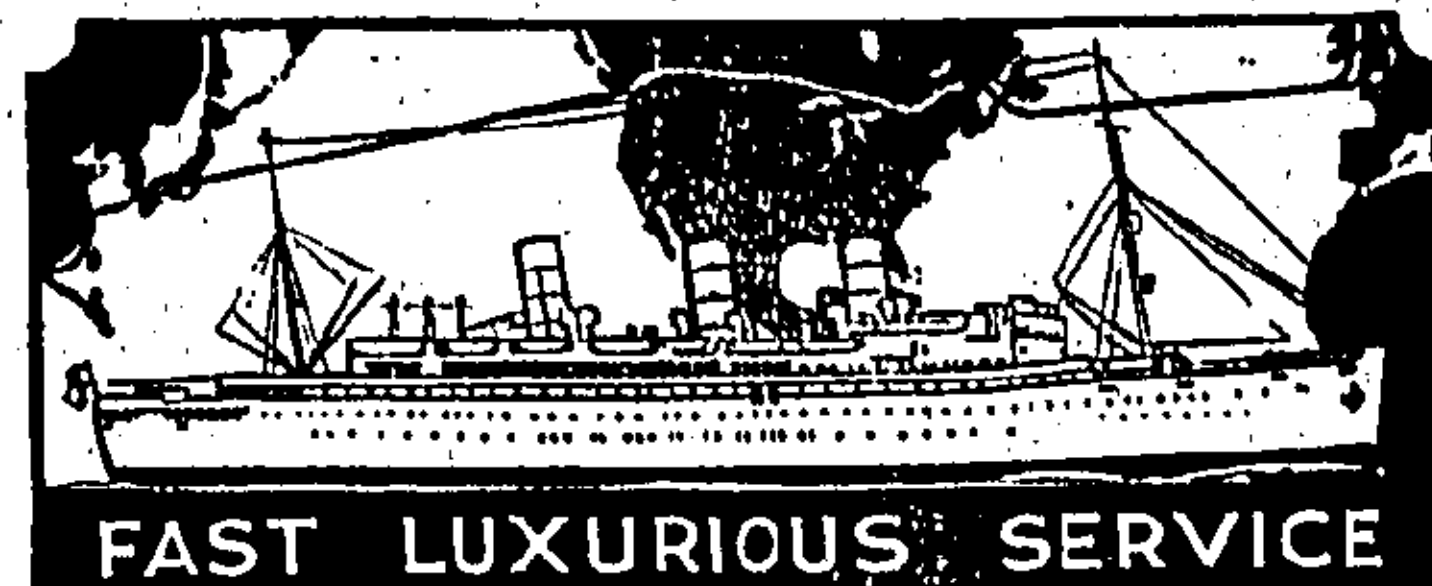
A DANISH COMPANY IN THE FIELD

Before the Norsk Bjergnings Kompani was dissolved a little time ago it had an agreement with the Danish Svitzer Bjergnings Selskap under which the former undertook not to carry out salvage work in Danish waters, while the latter agreed to abstain from similar operations off the Norwegian coast. This mutual understanding came to an end with the dissolution of the Norwegian company in question and the Danish company now has three salvage ships off the Norwegian coast.

In the meantime three of the ships, which belonged to the Norsk company, which was started with 11 vessels in 1911, have been sold to a new company which has been formed in Trondhjem, the Nordenjeldske Bjergnings Selskap, and which has established a station at Aalesund. At this place there was already a salvage company, Fladmærks Bjergnings Selskap, which has four ships. The salvage work of the More district route ship "Nordfjord" was entrusted to the Nordenjeldske company despite the fact that the Fladmærks company was called to render assistance. It is considered in Aalesund that the companies should seek to come to an understanding before competition becomes more bitter.

Apart from these matters the advent of the Danish company has apparently alarmed one of the two Norwegian companies, which has drawn the attention of the Norwegian Pass Department to the fact that the Danish company is operating in Norway without permission, although this has now been applied for. Before reaching a decision, however, the Pass Department has

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asked the Shipowners' Association whether there is any need of salvage ships other than those at the disposal of the two salvage companies in Trondhjem.

GERMAN RULES

PROBLEM FOR CALCUTTA COURTS

An interesting situation appears to have arisen in India over a question which the Calcutta Courts have been asked to decide in which the German marine insurance rules are involved. These rules are, of course, the German Marine Insurance Code, and include certain provisions which are equivalent to policy conditions. They are, in fact, the basis of the German marine insurance contract, just as the Norwegian plan is the basis of contract in Norway. It is perhaps necessary to explain this since our own Marine

Insurance Act gets no nearer a similar legislative effect than the schedule policy which may be used, and concerning the construction of which certain rules are laid down.

Apparently the Calcutta court is not prepared to recognise the existence of the German rules, despite the fact that they are well known, and it is understood that an English translation of the rules was not admitted in evidence, on the grounds that the publication was not a public document. The German Consul then proposed to secure the deposit of English and German copies of the rules at his consulate, but it is believed that even with a legalised declaration as to the correctness of these copies the court did not consider the preceding satisfactory, and it would seem that something like a deadlock has arisen, unless an alternative has been found since the advice on which this is written were despatched.

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Miss Cribb, a slim brunette of 21, has been running the club for three months only, but she has already acquired for it 200 members, all tremendously keen to foster flying in the district.

In her home on Caversham Heights, where she has turned one of the rooms into the club's headquarters and office, this bright girl related how she came to be in her job.

"I am fond of tennis, golf, and dancing and all that makes for an active life," she said, "so when the chance came I naturally took up flying."

"The club was started by just a few of us, young people who saw that flying was the sport of the future, and were determined to be in it."

The aerodrome that Reading is going to have is due to the enterprise of two men, Mr. E. J. Phillips and Mr. C. O. Powis, Mr. Powis said:

"We have acquired a site of 130 acres, which is 60 acres more than Croydon has. It has been approved by the Air Ministry, and we shall be ready to begin laying down the aerodrome and putting up the hangars by Christmas."

"MUST BE QUEEN"

WIFE NEED NOT ENTER HOME
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When a wife summoned her husband at Highgate for desertion she said she objected to the presence of another woman in a new home to which her husband had invited her.

She made no allegation against her husband and the other woman, but the woman said that she, the wife, must not do this or that, and she objected to having orders given in her own home by another woman.

The court found that the wife was in ill-health, and that the other woman's position in the house was that of housekeeper.

The wife said the woman begrudged the money her husband spent on her (the wife). She agreed that if the present woman was not employed in the home another woman would have to come in, as she, the wife, was not strong enough to work.

Asked if she would object to the employment of another woman, the wife replied, "It would all depend."

Mr. Ebbelwhite, the magistrate, said the bench felt that the husband's offer of a home was not such an offer, having regard to the presence of the other woman in the home, as the wife could accept.

"It is not the home in which the wife could be queen," he added. The husband's solicitor said that the "other woman" rendered service of value to him.

Mr. Ebbelwhite replied that the wife must be supreme in the home.

The hearing was adjourned, the husband being ordered to pay his wife 30s. a week.

GIRLS' DRESS

"WALKING LESSON TO ALL
ARCHITECTS"

"Among the benefits that the after-war years have brought I place the emancipation of woman from the thralldom of superfluous and inconvenient clothing," said Mr. W. H. Ansell, in the course of an address to the Architectural Association at Bedford-square.

"The modern girl," he proceeded, "in the simplicity and efficiency of her attire, the freedom and beauty of her dress, is a walking lesson to all architects. She has had the courage not only to shed unnecessary trimmings, but to alter governing principles of design."

The trend of life in our days had resulted in a demand for buildings which were as peculiarly the product of this age as were the Greek temple, the Roman bath, the mediaeval church of theirs. The two notable London changes, the driving of Kingsway through the slums of Clare Market and the pulling down and rebuilding of Regent-street, had been epoch-marking.

"I think it only due," he said, "that we should recognise here the superiority of the work in the Quadrant and the Circus over much of the commercial building higher up the street, and admit that the regret still felt over missed opportunities is tempered by the undoubted success of the fine sweep of buildings recently completed."

ON DIVORCE

ITS PROBLEMS AND
AFTER

AUTHOR'S VIEWS

"If only people realised," I once heard a middle-aged woman say, "all that divorce involves, they would think twice before they applied for one," writes Mr. Alec Waugh, the popular novelist in the "Daily Express."

No one who has had any experience of the divorce courts would contradict her. From the outside it all appears delightfully matter of fact.

There is no sense, it is argued, in sticking to a marriage once it has gone awry. It only means misery for every one concerned. Better to cut one's losses. The world has become tolerantly broad-minded. The law is swift and silent.

One day you meet a couple at a dinner party; they seem happy and contented. The next week, it seems, you are reading a paragraph in the newspapers announcing their divorce. A few evenings later you meet the same people again, with the pack reshuffled. Nothing in the world looks simpler.

And yet, in point of fact, a whole year has passed between that first and that second meeting; and, though that year may have passed quickly enough for you, for the three or four people who are involved in that dispute those twelve months have been marked by the bitterest emotion they will ever know.

There are times when a year can seem a century; for however modern and broadminded people may think themselves to be, though they may talk of the changing of a wife or husband as they would talk of the changing of a cook or butler, no sooner do they go to law than the bitterest possessive instincts are aroused.

They argue about property, they haggle for their rights. They begin to think in terms of vengeance. They do and say things of which six months earlier they would have believed themselves incapable; that a year later they wonder how they can ever have done.

There could be no worse prelude to a marriage. The new marriage begins in bitterness instead of sweetness. There is a harassed instead of a happy time to be looked back upon. Nor afterwards are the difficulties going to decrease.

There will be the problem of the children; for you cannot divide children as you divide an income. Sooner or later, they are going to feel they have been cheated. They have been given a step-father or step-mother instead of a real father or a real mother. An injustice has been done them. They ask themselves who is to blame; and nine times out of ten they take the side separated.

If they go to the mother they will think that their father has been ill-used. If they go to the father it is with the mother that they sympathise. They are resentful. Nor will they make any attempt to conceal that resentment.

And that is going to be a disturbing factor at the very moment when the new marriage is starting to settle down harmoniously; for that process of settling down is not going to be a simple business.

The marriage that has begun with a divorce is always going to be fretted by the spectre of jealousy. No man is going to have complete faith in the woman he has taken from another man.

He will be suspicious of other men. He will be distrustful of their friendship with her. He will not find it easy to say, as her husband may have done, "Oh, well, that's simple comradeship; there's nothing to it."

He will remember the dance, the dinner, the tennis party at which he himself met her for the first time. And as he sees her laughing and talking to some man who has taken her down to dinner, he remembers how, in just that way, she had laughed and talked to him.

How is he to know that this meeting is not to be a prelude to just such precipitate wooing as his own has been? She has followed im-

BERLIN SUICIDES

DUE MOSTLY TO ECONOMIC
DISTRESS

A GRIM RECORD

Berlin.—During a recent Saturday and Sunday night no fewer than nine persons committed suicide in Berlin and eight others attempted to end their lives.

A postman of 24 was found hanged in a neighbouring wood and no reason has been ascertained. The body of a silverworker, 67 years of age, who has been suffering from severe nervous breakdown, was found in a canal. Passers-by discovered in the Grunewald, on the western outskirts of the city, the corpse of a youth of 20, who had killed himself with a shot through the left side.

A woman of 52 threw herself out of a four-storeyed window and was killed instantaneously. In Spandau a youth of 21 threw himself in front of a passing train and was killed. In the east of the city a woman of 76 took her life by filling her small kitchen with gas.

In a hotel in Invaliden Strasse a nurse of 38 was found poisoned by morphia, self-administered; a woman of 27 hanged herself in her flat in Anklamer Strasse, and a woman of 51 leaped into a canal and was drowned.

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Colt by Son-in-Law—Bracelet (Capt. H. Macdonald)	6,100
Colt by Son-in-Law—Morris of Marcus (Capt. E. T. Tanager)	6,000
Tourist (British Bloodstock Agency)	4,600
Colt by Gainsborough—China Blue (Mr. A. Taylor)	4,500
Anne Lovely (Compton Stud)	4,100
Bold Stroke (Mr. J. de Rothschild)	3,400
Filly by Gay Crusader—Royal Blue (Capt. C. Boyd-Rochford)	3,000
Optimist (Capt. Wills)	2,800
Law Suit (Mr. W. Payne)	2,800
Filly by Simon Pure—Maranon (Mr. J. C. Rust)	2,700
Apple Royal (Compton Stud)	2,600
Filly by Gainsborough—Good Game (Mr. F. Darling)	2,200
Lucan (Mr. G. Armstrong)	2,200
Colt by Gay Crusader—Alope (Capt. C. Boyd-Rochford)	2,000

pulse once; how can he be sure that she will not follow it again? He can never really feel certain of her. He has taken her away from one man; how can he tell that some other man will not, in just the same way, take her away from him?

A marriage that has been preceded with divorce has to face difficulties from which a first marriage is free. A second marriage is more likely to last for numerous reasons. No one who has been through the divorce courts once is in a hurry to go through them twice. People grow less adventurous as middle age comes on.

They have learned fact and patience, too, in the conduct of personal relationships. They expect less, possibly. They feel, also, that they owe it to the friends who have stood by them, who made excuses for them during that first divorce, to make a success of their second marriage.

The proportion of second marriages that have survived may be pretty high; but that does not necessarily mean that they have been happy ones.

It would be interesting to know what percentage of remarried people at heart regret that they ever entered upon divorce.

Three nuns have been burned to death in a convent fire near Hull, Quebec. They had been rescued, but returned to save their clothing.

IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN
TO JAVA

Mr. G. P. Bradley, Auditor-General, F.M.S., has recently returned from leave.

Mr. J. W. Jefferson, Chief Superintendent of Physical Training, Education Department, F.M.S. and S.S., was recently on his periodic visit to Malacca.

The Rt. Rev. Louis Perrichon, Titular Bishop of Corona, Coadjutor to the Bishop of Malacca, arrived in Penang from Singapore to conduct confirmation services in the various Roman Catholic parishes of Penang.

Col. Meredith has been elected President of the Selangor St. Patrick Society for the ensuing year. Mr. Malley, Hon. Secretary while the Committee was re-elected en bloc with the addition of Dr. Fitzpatrick, and Messrs. Walter, O'Reilly and D'Arcy Irvine.

The Hon. Mr. J. Lorne, the British Resident of Selangor, and Mrs. Lorne, were present at a farewell meeting at St. John's Institution, Kuala Lumpur, to receive the good wishes of the Rev. Bro. Director, the staff and pupils of the School, before their departure for Europe.

A Seremban correspondent suggests that a public telephone should be installed in the office of the station master at the Seremban railway station for the convenience of the public. Such an installation would also be an asset to the station whenever the attention of a doctor or the police was needed, especially during the night.

Mr. H. A. Stallwood, who was for many years Chief Architect of the Straits Settlements Government, has taken over the practice of Mr. G. W. Webb at the Market Place Chambers, Reading. Mr. Stallwood is a chartered architect, a Fellow of the Institute of Architects, and a member of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

A farewell dinner and presentation of an address in honour of Mr. Vernon S. Smith, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., took place at the Yin Lok Hotel, Petaling Street, Kuala Lumpur. Among those present were Messrs. H. B. Talalla, Pat Ziwa, F. L. Pentelov, V. Ezechiel, L. D. Gammans, and members of the A.P.C. Staff.

The Police have a report that the quarters of Major Hodges, of the 2nd. Welch Regiment at Tanjong, were intruded upon by some person at midnight recently. The prowler went into the bedroom of the European governess who was awakened. The person, whoever he was, escaped and the Police are investigating the affair, but the governess is unable to say whether the man was Asiatic or European.

News has been received in the Straits of the death in Glasgow, on Oct. 20, of Dr. James Roy McVail, late of the Straits Settlements Medical Service, who retired on pension in October, 1925. He assumed duties at the Port Health Office, Singapore, in 1911, and after officiating as House Surgeon at the General Hospital and as acting Medical Officer-in-charge, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, he proceeded to Christmas and Cocos Islands on special duty. During the War he served in the Royal Army Medical Corps and upon returning to Malaya became acting Chief Medical Officer at Penang and, in 1918, was Medical Officer in charge of Tanjong Military Hospital, says the "Straits Times."

He afterwards returned to Penang, and later, was seconded for duty in Kelantan. At the time of his retirement he was Medical and Health Officer, Singapore. Dr. McVail was in his fifty-first year.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Ramon."

To-day—World Theatre; "Safety Last."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Across The Pacific."

Dec. 9-10—Queen's Theatre; "Swim Girl Swim."

Dec. 9-10—World Theatre; "Brown of Harvard."

Dec. 9-10—Star Theatre; "Behind The Front."

Dec. 11-12—Queen's Theatre; "The King of Kings."

Dec. 11-12—World Theatre; "The Road to Romance."

Dec. 11-12—Star Theatre; "Rough House Rosie."

Dec. 13-15—Queen's Theatre; "Barbed Wire."

Dec. 13-15—World Theatre; "The Prince of Pilsen."

Dec. 13-15—Star Theatre "The Escape."

Dec. 13—Concert at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Dec. 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22—Theatre Royal; The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society presents "Tom Jones," 9 p.m.

Dec. 14—H.K.V.D.C. Machine Gun Company Dance, City Hall, 8 p.m.

Dec. 16—Public Band Concert, Botanic Gardens, 4.50 p.m.

Dec. 19—Theatre Royal; The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society presents "Tom Jones," 4.30 p.m.

Land Sale
Dec. 10—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown land at Shamshupo, 3 p.m.

Sports
To-day—Y.M.C.A. Basket Ball, "C" v. "D," 6.15 p.m.

Dec. 9—Fanning Hunt meet at Lok Ma Chau cross roads, 10.30 a.m.

Dec. 12—Fanning Hunt meet at Kennels, 2.30 p.m.

Dec. 15—Fanning Hunt meet at Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.

Dec. 16—Fanning Paper Hunt Dec. Cup, Jardine's Bungalow, 11 a.m.

Dec. 19—Fanning meet at Mr. Potts's bungalow, 2.30 p.m.

Dec. 22—Fanning Hunt Steeple-chase, Kwant, 11 a.m.

Dec. 23—Fanning Hunt meet at Kennels, 8 a.m.

Dec. 26—Boxing Day Point-to-Point, meet at Mr. Potts's bungalow, Fanning, 11 a.m.

Dec. 30—Fanning meet at Sheung Shui, 10 a.m.

Miscellaneous
Dec. 9—Drawing of a Pontiac Six 5-seater sedan motor car at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's fête.

Dec. 10—Final dance Committee meeting of the H.K.V.D.C. (Machine Gun Co.) Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

Dec. 11—Formal opening of the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, by H.E. the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G. at 4.30 p.m. and reception at the Hotel from 4.30 to 6 p.m.

December 14—Hong Kong Automobile Association's annual dinner dance, at Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

EXHIBITION.
EXHIBITION OF PEARLS: Mr. Kodaka arrives on the 14th to open his exhibition of pearls at Messrs. Komor & Komor. See advertisement on the 15th.

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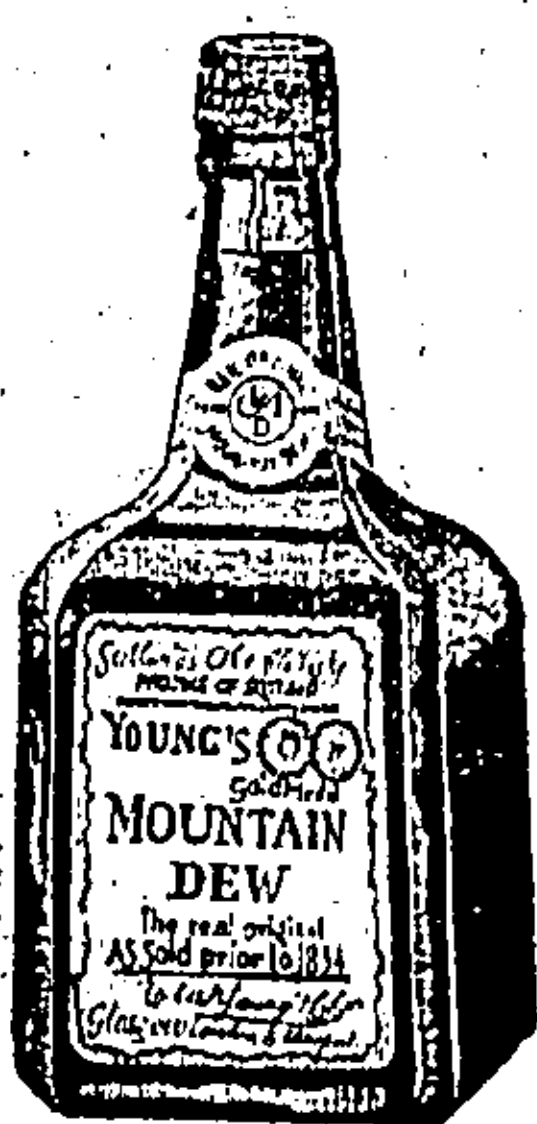
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A correspondent writes in the
"Times": "Card-making is now in
so few hands in this country that
King Charles's Charter could be
much more festively commemorated
by card-players. These should,
at any rate, note the occasion. As
for the members of the Worshipful
Company, they have in our days
little or no connection with the
trade. Once a year, however, at
the dinner which early in Decem-
ber follows the election of a new
Master, their history is recalled to
them by the presentation of a
specially designed pack; and it may
be taken for granted that the de-
sign on this year's pack will be
based on the tercentenary.

Another reminder is the Com-
pany's collection of playing cards
in which the fancies and even the
freaks of past generations are
liberally represented. It is far too
big a collection to be shown all
at once to the public, but frequent-
ly changed groups may be seen in
the Guildhall Library. The visi-
tor who keeps his eye on the ex-
hibition frame may learn a good
deal of the extraneous uses to
which cards have been put. Per-
haps the most interesting is social
and political satire; apparently
players could spare a few moments
for such distractions before new-
papers were accessible and games
a career.

The Pictorial Card
That the pictorial card is as old
as the card itself cannot be safely
assumed, because students of
the subject have never convinced
themselves, and much less one an-
other, of the origin of what the
old monks considered the devil's
most subtle device. China, India,
Egypt, and Arabia all share the
disputed honour or ignominy of
being the inventors of card play.
The Crusaders have been charged
with borrowing cards from the
Saracens, and the Moors with
bringing them into Spain. How-
ever that may be, the learned an-
cients, after having abused cards
as a foe of the human soul, lost
very little time in adapting them
to their own purposes. Logic,
grammar, geography, and heraldry
were among the branches of know-
ledge they sought to lengthen by
inscription on the cards' back.
There was much cunning in the
method. Who can gauge the ex-
tent to which science was advanced
in a paucity of books, by the
"scientific cards?"

Modern bridge players, if they
should consider admonition or in-
struction a frivolous twist to a
noble invention, will be consoled
by the reflection that it was dropped
long ago. The abuse which
called the Worshipful Company
into existence was of a more fami-
liar kind. In the reign of Edward
IV. the English makers had com-
plained that the importation of
foreign cards was injuring their
trade; and they had been protect-
ed by Act of Parliament. Yet,
when Elizabeth ruled, importation
had developed into a monopoly.
Things grew so bad with the Lon-
don craftsmen, to whom was prac-
tically confined in England "the
art and trade of making of play-
ing cards," that they laid their
grievances before James I. He
though "graciously inclined," did
nothing. So another attempt was
made with Charles I. who by
granting a Charter of incorpora-
tion left a particularly "blessed
memory" to his petitioners.

Hindered and hampered
Their complaints and the sanc-
tioned remedy come home to this
new era of "safeguarding." Not
only were the King's loving sub-
jects hindered and hampered by
the continued importing of great
quantities of foreign playing cards,
but cheap and inferior goods were
being manufactured here and "de-
bauched and abused" committed by such

as were inexpert at the trade, so
that those who had attained to the
perfection of that art and skill
were not able to maintain them-
selves, their wives and families.
Apprentices found no inducement
to industry, and demoralization
followed on the absence of regula-
tion. Still more clearly is the 20th-
century ring to be heard in the
Preamble of the Charter:—
Finding of how great use and
consequence it is to the welfare
of Our Kingdom that all manufac-
tures and handicrafts should by
cherished and maintained for the
settling of our own people on work,
and enabling them by their honest
labours and industries to maintain
themselves and their families for
the public service of the Common-
wealth.

Importation of playing cards
was forbidden; nobody but a free-
man of the Company was to make
cards unless he should have serv-
ed as apprentice for seven years.
"In the said trade, art, or mystery";
and the Court of the Company was
empowered to make orders, reform
abuses, and punish offenders. In
return the Crown took payment on
every gross of cards. This pay-
ment is represented by the present
Government duty of 3d. on every
pack, and the Inland Revenue
wrapper replaces the old King's
Seal.

The Company was promoted to
the dignity of the Livery in 1792.
Leave was given in 1903 to increase
the membership to 150; it is now
110, having fallen so low in 1880
as one freeman and a Livery of
23. One feature of the revival in
recent years has been the produc-
tion of special packs on great na-
tional as well as private occasions.
Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee,
the Coronations of King Edward
and King George, and various
Royal tours within the Empire have
been commemorated in this way.
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its cards better than during the
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basis.

Theatre-goers in the Far East
will be sorry to hear of the death
of Mr. John Hagen, the principal
comedian with the Bavard Musical
Comedy Company, which was tour-
ing the East up to a few months
ago, says the "Straits Times." A
cable has been received stating that
Mr. Hagen was killed in a motor
accident in London on Nov. 18.
His excellent work in "Katja the
Dancer" and other musical plays
will be remembered. He was to
have been the principal comedian in
the new company which Mr. Ban-
yard has organised.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	
Bank, wire	2/- 1/2
Bank, on demand	2/- 3/16
Bank, 30 days' sight	—
Bank, 4 months' sight	2/- 3/4
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/1 1/2
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/1 1/4
On Paris—	
On demand	1247 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1322 1/2
On Berlin—	
On demand	—
On New York—	
On demand	48 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	50 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	133 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire	133 1/2
On demand	133 1/2
On Singapore—	
On demand	86 1/4
On Manila—	
On demand	98 1/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	77 1/2
60 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	106
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.60
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LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	124 1/2
New York	4.85 1/16
Brussels	34.895
Geneva	25.07 1/2
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	92.65
Berlin	20.355
Stockholm	18.15
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.495
Prague	163 1/4
Helsingfors	192 1/4
Madrid	30.03
Lisbon	107 7/16
Athens	375
Bucharest	815
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 7/16
Bombay	1/6 1/2
Shanghai	2/7 1/4
Hong Kong	2/0 1/4
Yokohama	1/10 25/32
Silver Spot	26 1/2
Silver Forward	26 1/2

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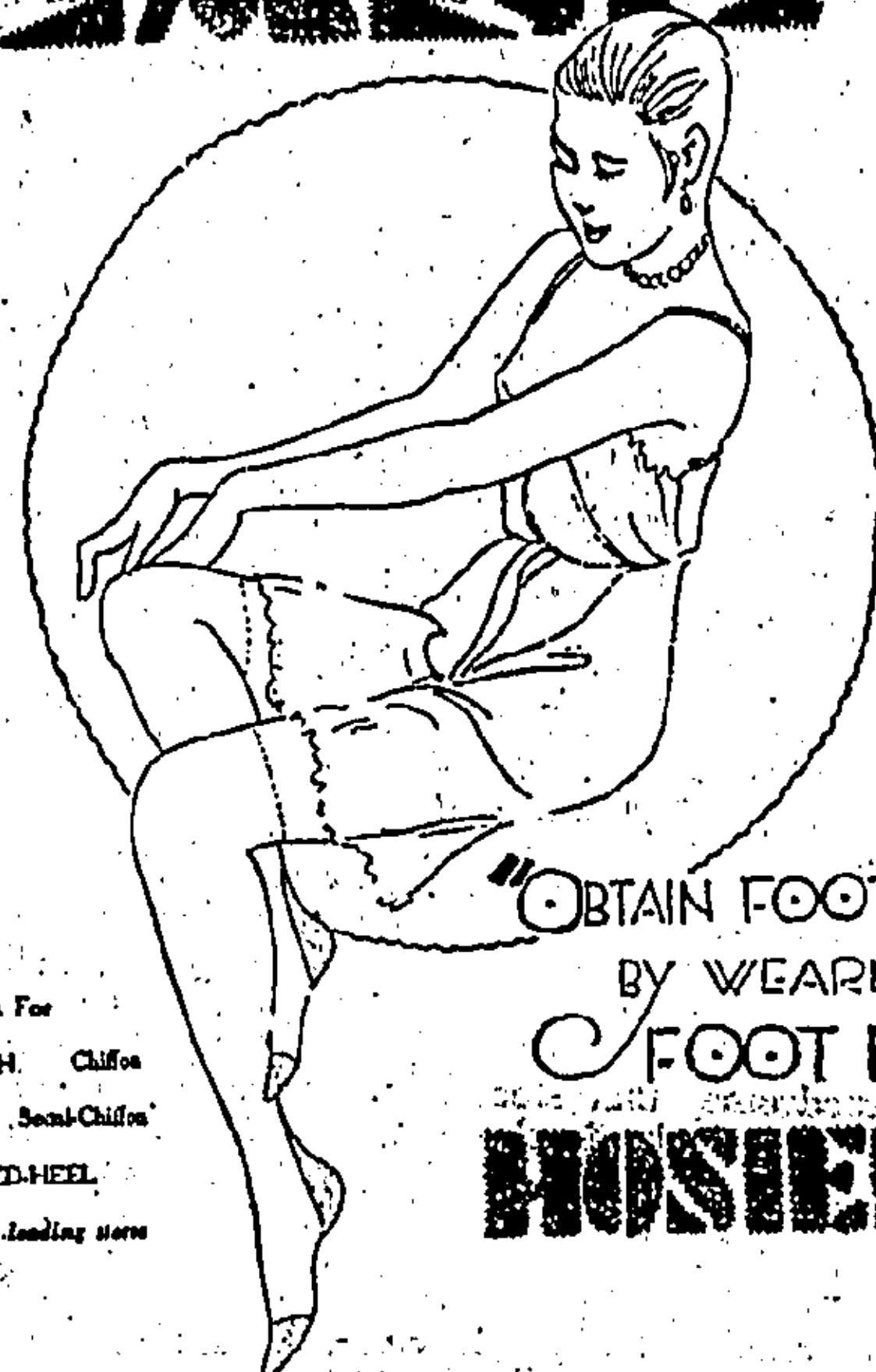
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E. V. JESSEN,
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"Hong Kong" events with plenty of pictures of the news.
The "Overland" is the only illustrated weekly budget of local
news.

All subjects are given their fair proportion of space.
Among the most notable this week are:—

The Carylho Yeo (Treasury) trial.
Legal reforms in the Colony.
St. Andrew's Society annual ball and observances.
Large seizures of arms, etc.

Trial of the man alleged to have taken part in the
"Anking" piracy in which two Britons lost their lives.

RESIDENTS BACK FROM LEAVE

Many residents have just returned to Hong Kong
after holidays at Home and elsewhere. For the first
few days one's conscience can be calmed by thoughts that
time is needed to unpack and to get settled down again. Then
that letter must go.

What you have to say for yourself no one else can write
for you; but if you want to ease anxiety as to what is hap-
pening out here that is a task that the "Overland China Mail"
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SHANGHAI LATVIANS CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY. The celebration
of the 19th anniversary of Latvia's independence was held on Nov. 18 in Shanghai. A number
of Latvians gathered at the Latvian Consulate, where the above photograph was taken. Mr.
K. G. Wahamaki, Latvian Consul in Shanghai, is among the group. (Ah Fong)



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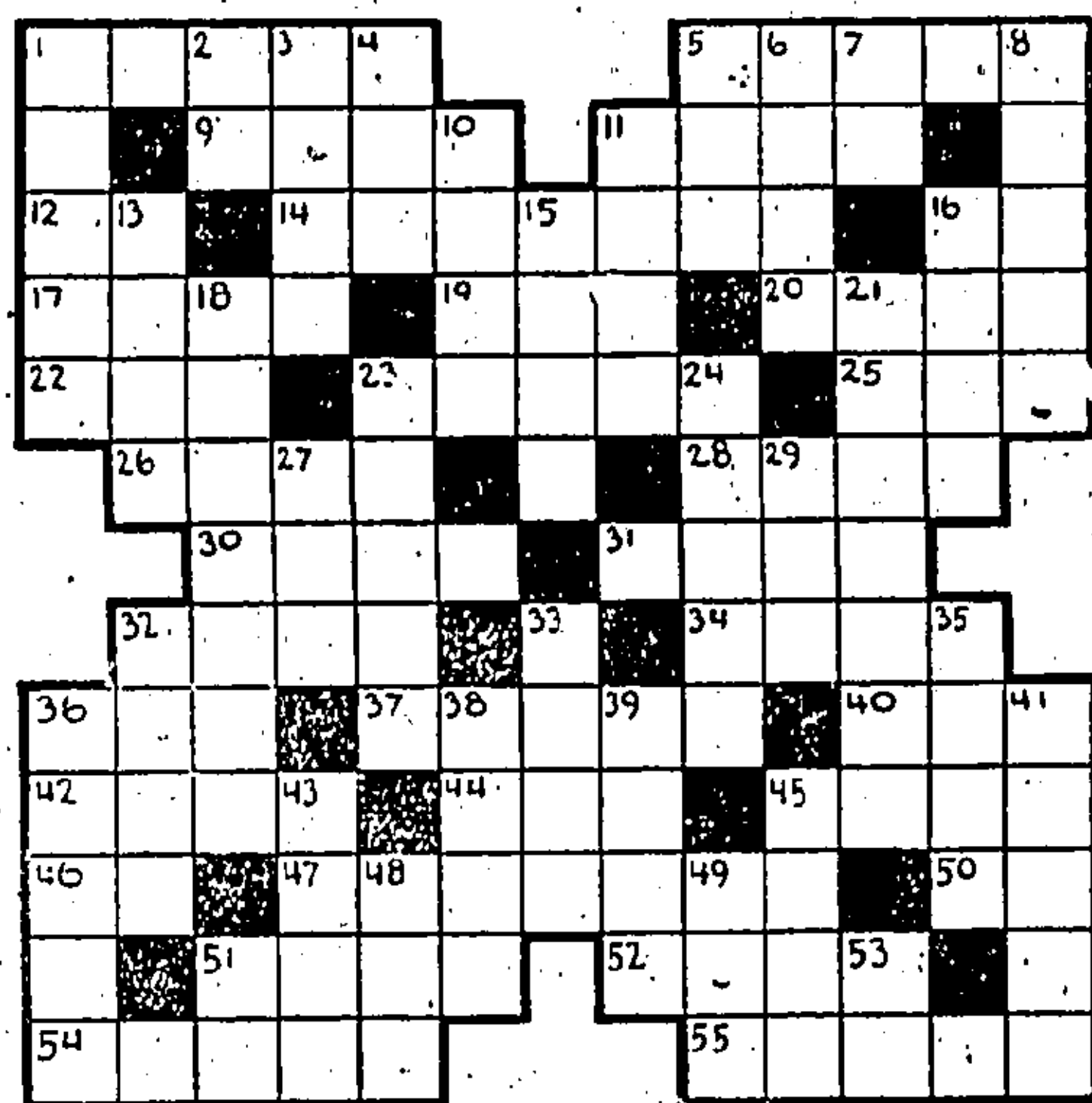
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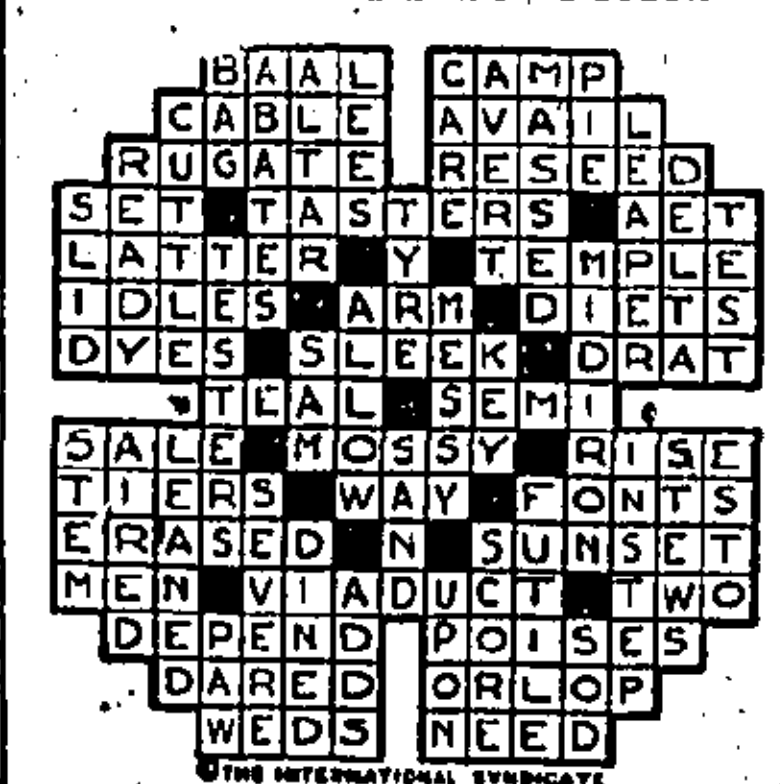
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL
1-Veranda
5-Swamp
9-Exclamation of sorrow
11-Inert
12-A square measure (abbr.)
14-Loss of memory
16-Postscript (abbr.)
17-British street-car
19-Oblong (abbr.)
20-Gala
22-Besides
23-Nunery
25-Doctors (abbr.)
28-Heavenly body
28-A large lake
31-Greek god of love
31-Homeward wanderer
32-Insect (pl.)
34-Twirl
36-Conclusion
37-Heron
40-One hundred years (abbr.)
42-A portion of medicine | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
44-Combining form
45-A coarse rigid hair
46-Preposition
47-Poisonous drug
50-A cabinet officer (abbr.)
51-A crew
52-Economy (abbr.)
54-Surrender
55-A Confederate general
VERTICAL
1-A social company
2-Egyptian sun-god
3-Mollusk
4-The thigh of an animal
5-One thousand five hundred and one (Roman)
6-Wing-shaped
7-Musical note
8-Lock (pl.)
10-Vulgar pretender to gentility | VERTICAL (Cont.)
11-Island (Poetic)
12-Raw metals
15-Declines
16-Peel
18-Accompanies
21-A building
23-Issued
24-Froth
27-Skill
28-Tear
32-Soon
33-An Indian tribe
35-Swamp
36-Improve
38-Convulsive breathing
39-Eagle
41-Pertaining to the nose
43-British title
45-Flat-bottomed boat
46-Stick
48-Frozen water
51-Civil Engineer (abbr.)
53-Group of States (abbr.) |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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Unusual settings have been constructed on many of the Paramount studio stages, and the wardrobe department has worked night and day in the preparation of the silks and satins for the picture.

Miss Negri is thrilled at being able to play such a role, a part that calls all her talents to the surface, according to reports coming from the movie plant in Hollywood.

"Loves of An Actress" was translated to the screen by Ernest Vajda, and is the combined work of Vajda, Miss Negri and Director Rowland V. Lee. During her recent trip abroad, Miss Negri went into the archives of France and found much interesting and comparatively unknown data on the life and loves of the actress. This material has been interwoven in the story, with strong dramatic results.

"The Divine Lady"



Corinne Griffith, seen in "The Divine Lady."

IN NEW FILM

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Jack Holt sheds his chaps and cowboy trappings for a complete modern wardrobe in "The Water Hole," a Zane Grey story which Paramount is filming. Holt's wardrobe in this picture consists of a modern business suit, a tuxedo, a golf outfit, and swanky riding clothes. A cartridge belt and six shooter are accessories of the riding outfit.

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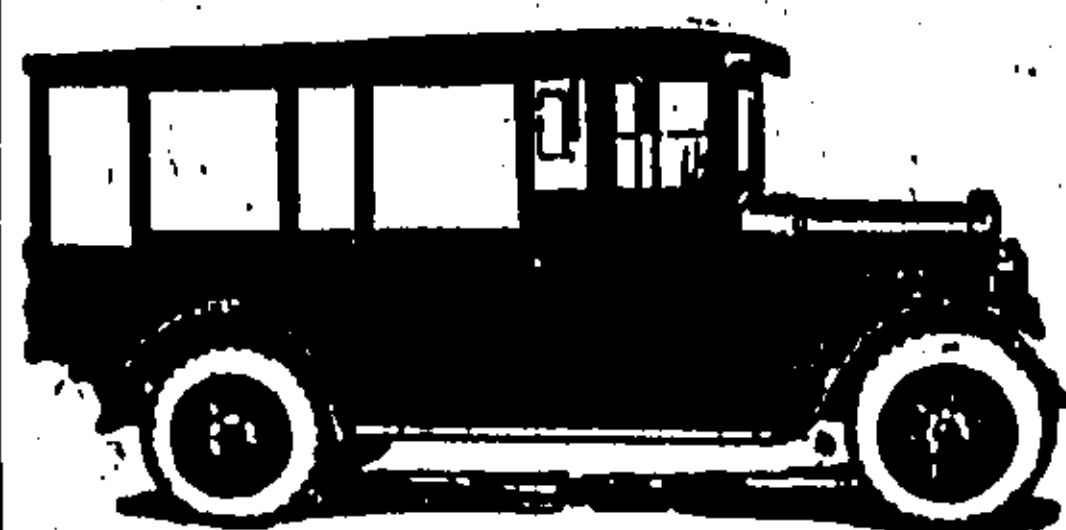
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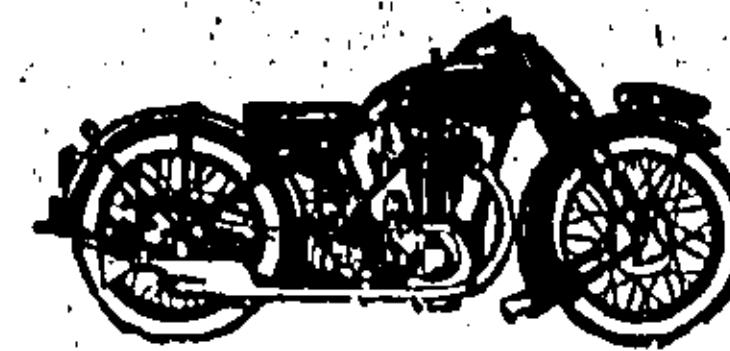
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OVERLOADING A SHIP IN PORT

COURT ALLEGATION "OFFENCE IF ONLY A FRACTION OF AN INCH"

MASTER ALSO SUMMONED

The Chuen On s.s. Co., Ltd. of No. 202, Des Voeux-road Central, was summoned by Mr. R. Elvridge, Boarding Officer, for "that, being the owners of the s.s. 'Chuen Chow' they did unlawfully allow the ship to be loaded to submerge in salt water the centre of the deck, at about 2.50 p.m. on Dec. 4, in the harbour of Hong Kong."

A similar charge was preferred against Capt. T. Jones, the master. When the case came up before Comdr. J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, Mr. Horace Lo, who appeared for the defendants, applied for a date to be fixed for hearing, as the vessel had not arrived in port. The case was accordingly adjourned until Wednesday next.

Mr. Lo also asked the Court to let him know to what extent the vessel was alleged to have submerged. He stated that there was a great difference between a foot or an inch.

The Magistrate replied that it constituted an offence even if it was a fraction of an inch.

In reply to Mr. Lo, Mr. Elvridge said that he could not tell him the depth to which the ship had been submerged but he would do so when the case began.

TERRORIST GANG

"GHOSTS" CIRCULAR TO JURORS

METHODS IN IRELAND

An extraordinary circular issued by the "Ghosts" in the Irish Free State to members of a jury called to consider the cases of a dozen or so Republicans charged with various offences, shows how this secret society uses much the same terrorist methods as the Klu Klux Klan in America. The "Ghosts" are a gang of young gunmen who are out to organise a new campaign of arms against the authority of the Free State.

Although the circular does not actually contain threats to the jurors, if they convict the prisoners, the meaning is perfectly clear. The circular states: "Your name appears on the panel of jurors summoned to attend the Free State Courts, October, 1928. It is possible that you may be empanelled to try the cases of certain Republican prisoners. Their names are—"

The circular adds: "To uphold the right against the wrong has been classified as treason in this country since the coming of the Normans over 700 years ago. Some of the men at present governing this country in England's interests, and against the will of thousands of self-respecting Irish men and women, were charged with being guilty of treason in the years 1916-27. They were then loyal subjects of the Irish Republic, but for material gains accepted England's bribes, and became renegades and traitors at England's bidding. To-day they ask you to say that the prisoners in the dock are traitors. Will you be a tool in their hands, and assist the murderers of 1922 in their wicked vendetta against honourable citizens who scorn to betray their country in England's interests?"

"Flag of Tyranny"

"You will remember the men of your own day who nobly challenged the right of that flag in Ireland in 1916. Was it right for Tono, Emmet, Mitchell, the Martyrs of Manchester; Pearse and Connolly, to have striven even unto death, to sever the connection with England, and to banish for ever the flag of her tyranny? If you admit they were right, then the prisoners before you in the dock, who follow in their footsteps, are also right in striving, as they strive, to banish every vestige of British rule from our shores."

"Strike a blow in the cause of Justice and Freedom by acquitting the prisoners in the dock."

"Issued by 'Ghosts'"

The words are carefully chosen, but the implication is clear. If the prisoners are convicted, the jurors are marked men.

BRUTAL ASSAULT ON A WOMAN

UNMARRIED COUPLE

"HE GOES GAMBLING: I TOLD HIM NOT TO"

MAN ALLEGES INFIDELITY

An account of how a Chinese brutally threw a mixture of powdered glass and pepper into the eyes of a woman who co-habited with him and then stabbed her above the temple while she lay blinded in bed was related before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning. Cheung On (24), unemployed, of 86, Nam Chung-street, Yaumatei, was charged with (a) assault, (b) bed in the back and the other in the theft of three jackets and two pairs of trousers, (c) receiving the articles mentioned knowing them to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained. It appears that the woman came down from the country and went to live with him at No. 68, Nam Chung-street but no marriage ceremony had been performed.

Wounded by Chisel

Yesterday, the prosecution alleged, defendant took her clothes and pawned them. When he returned to the flat, complainant was lying on the bed. He threw a mixture of powdered glass and pepper at complainant's face and, seizing a chisel near him, he aimed a blow at her head, inflicting a wound just over her temple.

With difficulty, complainant went to report the affair to the police. Later she recognised defendant in the street, when she was taking a detective to her flat. Defendant, when he saw the detective approaching him, ran away but was caught in a chase in which a constable joined.

In the station, three pawn tickets were found on defendant's person, and these were for the jackets and trousers of the complainant. Defendant admitted pawning the clothes. He said that he had assaulted the woman because of late she had been going about with another man whose name he understood to be Lo.

Incomplete Evidence

Complainant, in evidence, said that she was assaulted by defendant in the manner described. "He goes about gambling, and I told him not to, and he struck me." Corroboration of the statement that no marriage ceremony had taken place was given by complainant. She said that she had come from the country and that the clothes were her own property. There was no direct evidence of defendant having pawned the articles after the assault, the trend of the case indicating that he had done so before his ferocious attack.

His Worship said that he would convict on the first charge (assault), with the option of a fine. Because of incomplete evidence on the second and third charges, these were dismissed.

A fine of \$25 or one month's hard labour was imposed.

PILLION TRAGEDY

GIRL AND DIRT TRACK RIDER KILLED

Mrs. Connell, stewardess on the White Star liner "Cedric," was met by her husband, and son on her arrival at Liverpool from New York, and informed that a daughter, Ellen, aged 17, was killed while riding pillion on a motorcycle.

The motor-cyclist, Mr. J. M. Barlow, the Liverpool dirt track racer, was also killed.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest when the police stated that Barlow's machine skidded, Barlow being flung to one side of the road and the girl to the other side.

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THREE MURDERS IN ONE DAY

CHINESE INVOLVED

STABBED TO DEATH IN SECRET SOCIETY WAR

SACK TO CARRY CORPSE?

As many as three murders in one day were reported to the Singapore Police a few days ago. That there is some evidence of serious crime, in which Chinese are involved, is evident from the details.

Two of the murders occurred in North Bridge-road, near the junction of Jalan Sultan, where the bodies of two Chinese were found late at night. One had been stabbed in the back and the other in the groin. Although no fight was seen by the people in the vicinity it is believed that the men were killed in a secret society war.

They are said to have been coolies employed by Mr. Tan Kah Kee.

A report was also made to the Police that the body of a Chinese had been found on a rubber estate near the Air Base, Seletar. Inquiries showed that the man had been beaten to death, there being wounds on his head caused by some blunt instrument, and his body had probably been brought to the estate and thrown in the lalang. It had been here for some hours, decomposition having set in. A bloodstained sack was found near the body, and this may have been used to convey the corpse to the scene.

"A HUMAN BEING"

DUKE OF YORK AND A COMPLIMENT

WHAT A BOY SCOUT SAID

The Duke of York, speaking at Croydon at the National Conference on the Welfare of Youth, revealed how he overheard one boy at his annual camp at New Romney, Kent, say to another, "Why he's a human being." "That I regard as the greatest compliment ever paid to me in my life," said the Duke.

The Duke said that he did not suppose there was ever a time when real leaders were more urgently needed in every department of life, and added:

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The Duke laid the foundation-stone at Holbrook, Suffolk, of what is to be the new "cradle of the Navy."

In admiration for the part played by the Navy in the war, Mr. C. S. Read, an Assam tea-planter, has given 800 acres of his Holbrook estate as the site for a new home for the Royal Hospital School, Greenwhich. This school for generations has supplied the Navy and the Royal Marines with young blood.

The buildings will cover about 108 acres, cost £700,000, and will provide accommodation for 1,120 boys.

Mr. Read also intends to leave money, not to be touched until 11 years after his death, which will establish a maintenance fund of nearly £1,000,000.

STALIN'S FEARS

PLOTS BY PEASANTS AND CLERGY

ASSAULTS ON OFFICIALS

Stalin, one of the chiefs of the Moscow gang, is growing more and more perturbed by the attack on his regime by the Trotskyites and the "liquidators," who wish to substitute a peasant government for the present Soviet tyranny.

Nearly all the old Bolsheviks have joined forces against Stalin, and they are supported by the middle class and rich peasants.

Stalin is afraid to walk the streets and to address public meetings and has declared "a war to the death on both fronts" against his opponents.

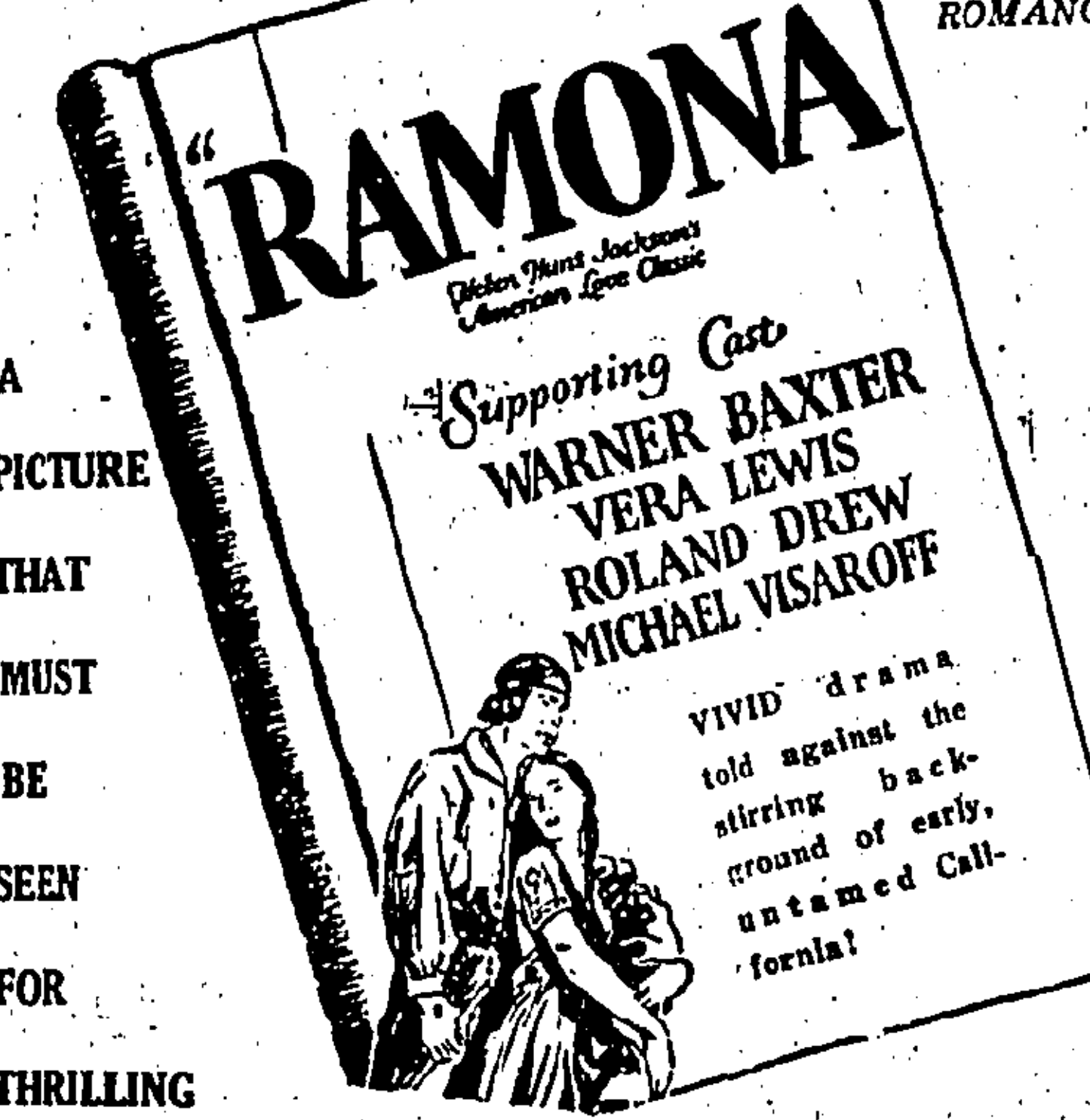
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